

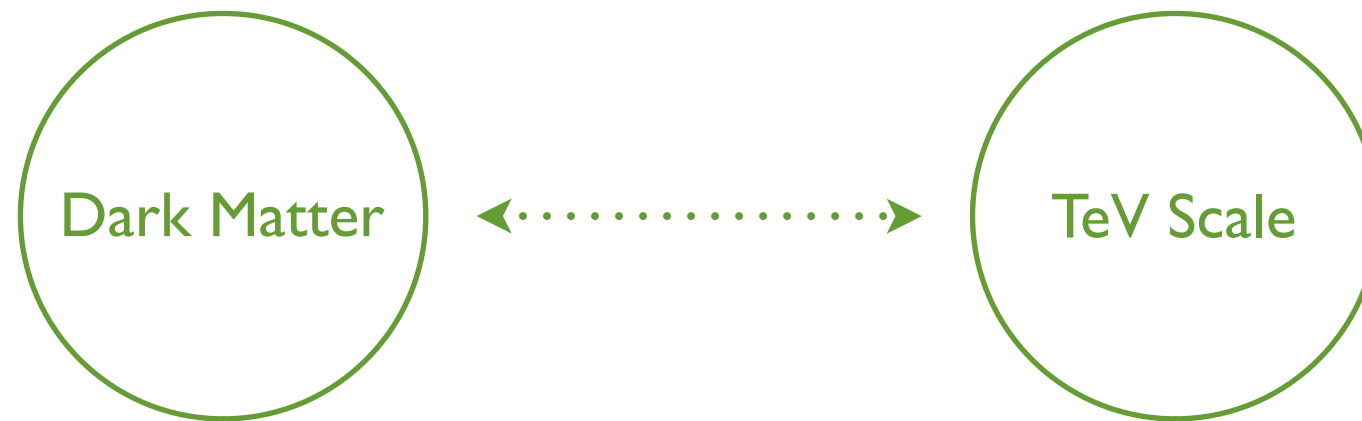
# Dark Matter Characterization at the LHC

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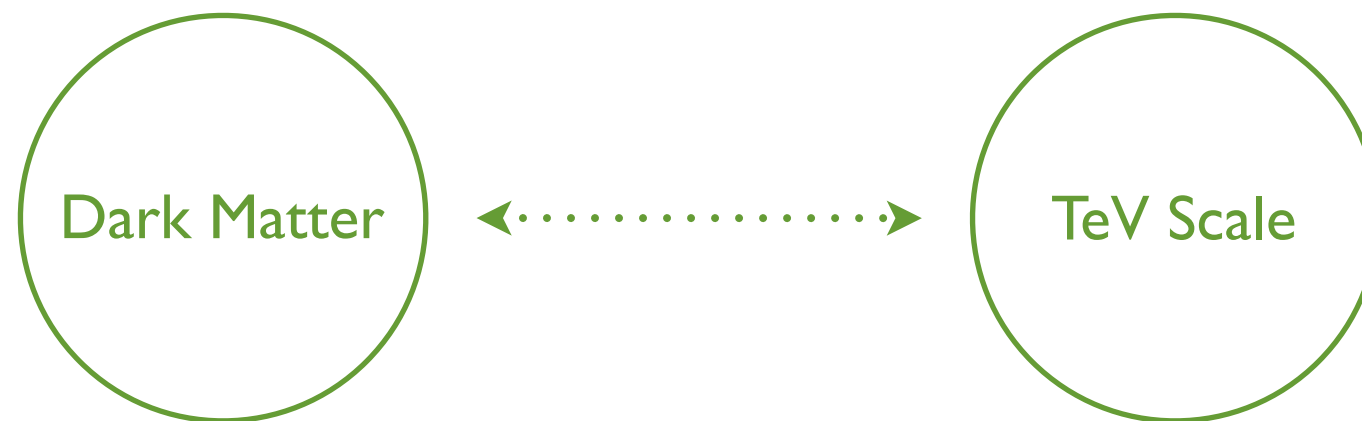
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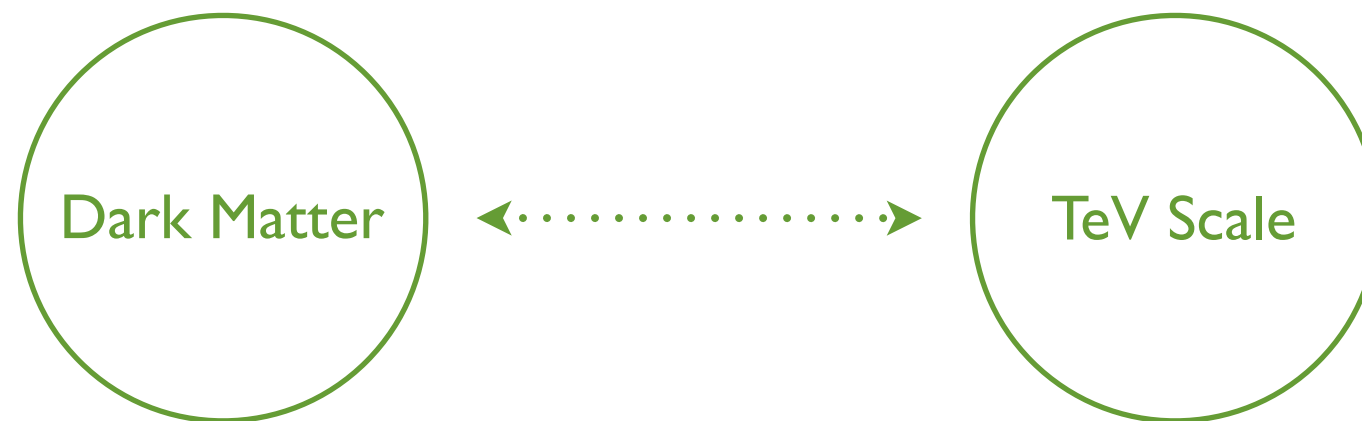


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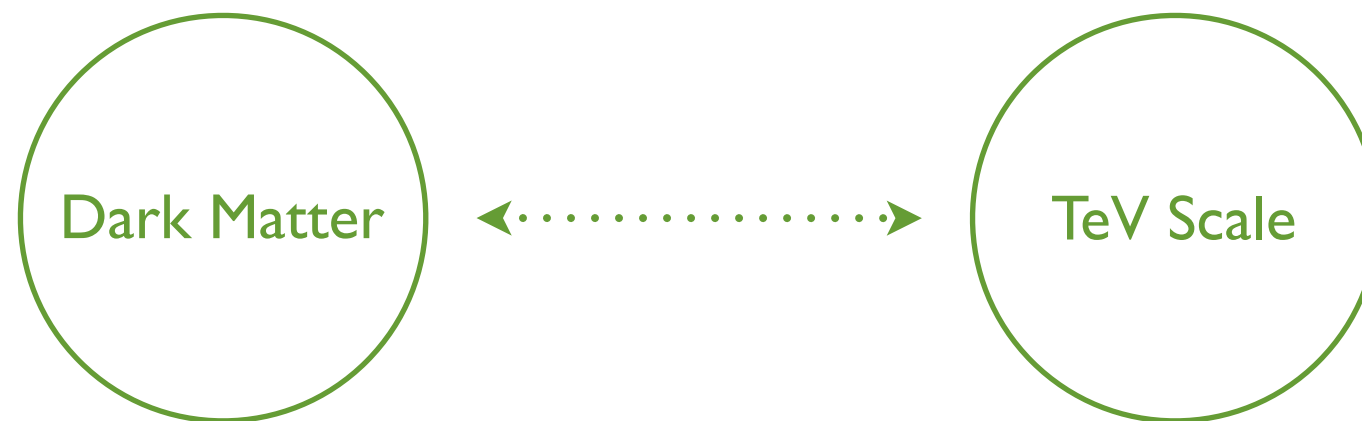


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- Today: Focus on distinguishing models with  $Z_2$  (parity) stabilization symmetries from models with other stabilization symmetries.

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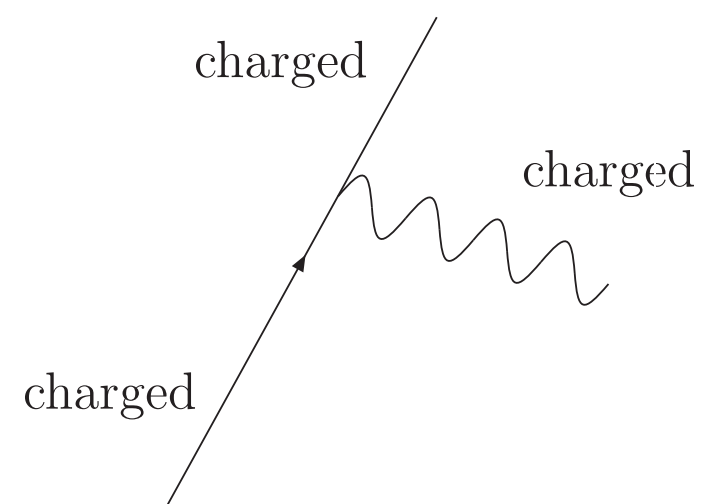
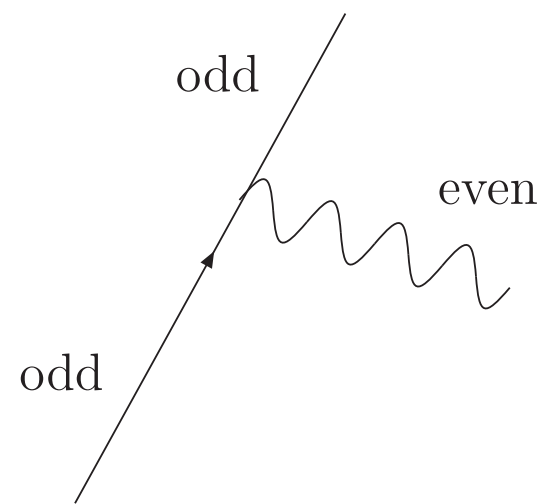


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  - Main point: Different stabilization symmetries generate different decay topologies.

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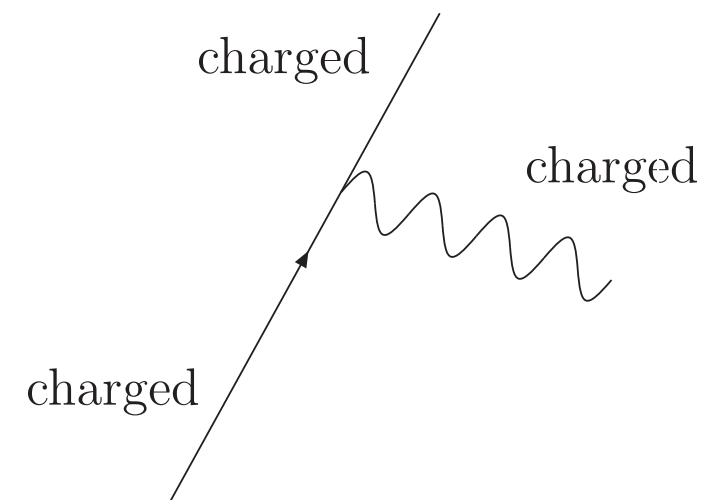
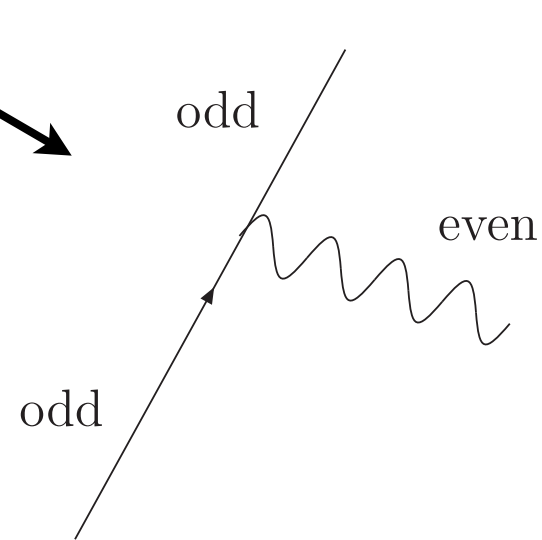
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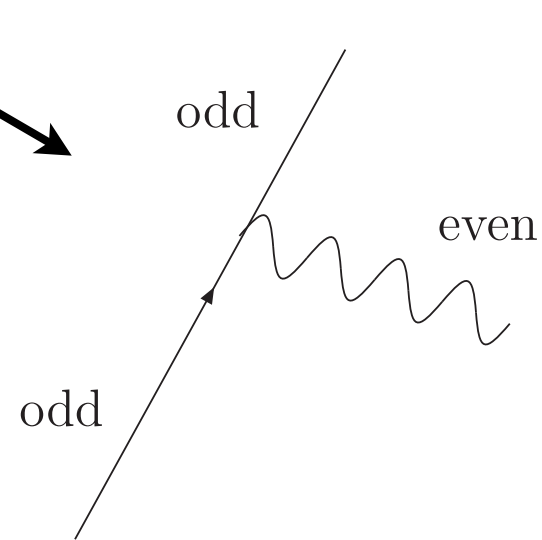
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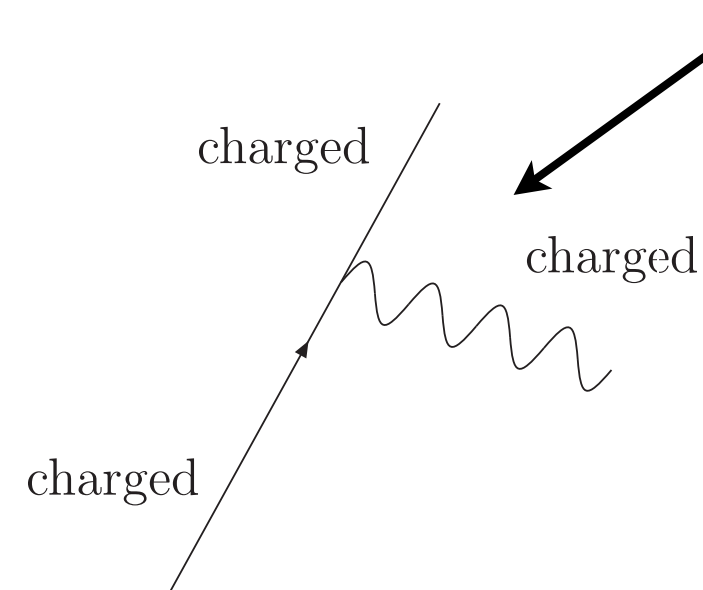
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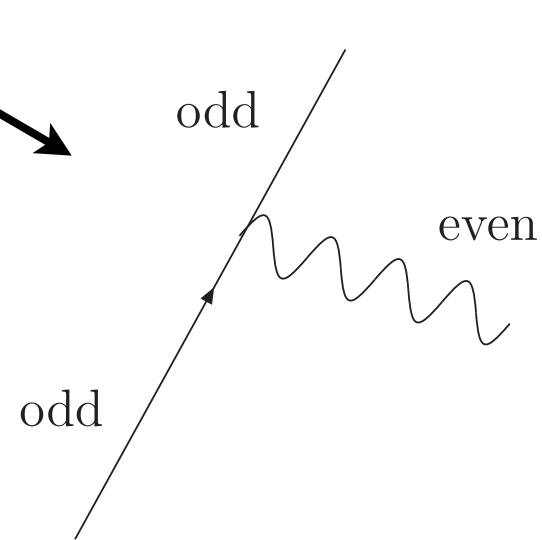
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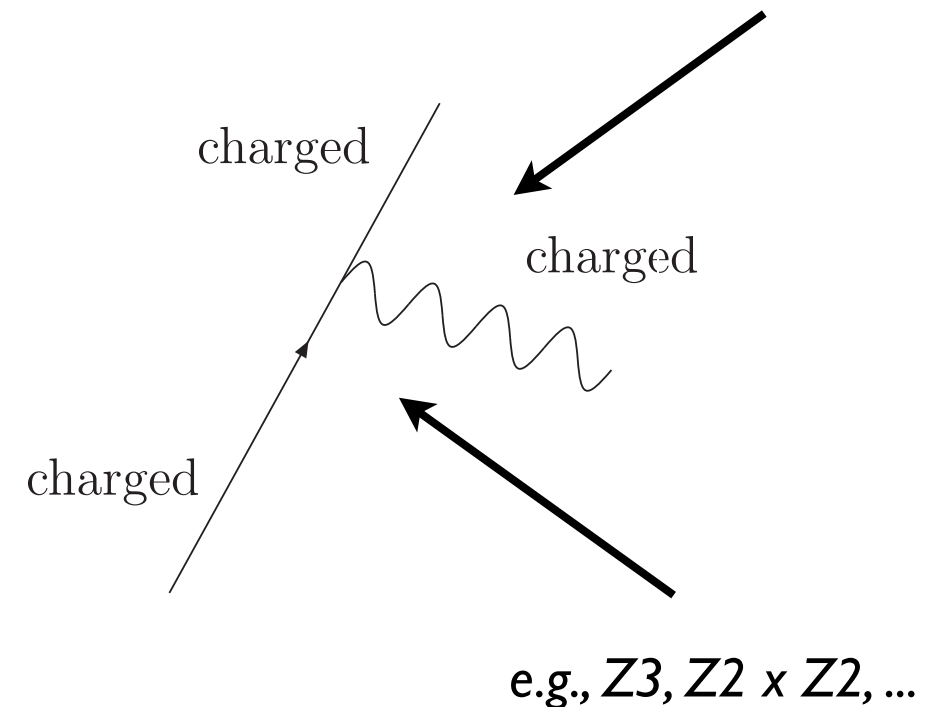
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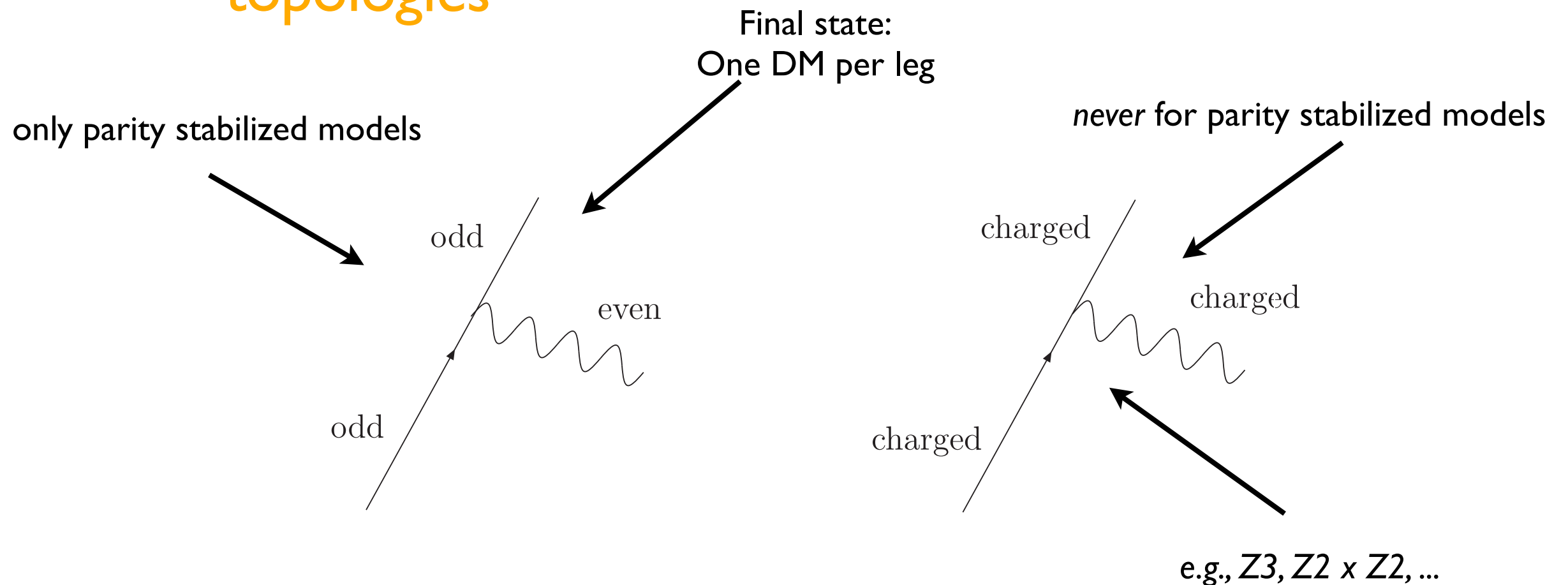


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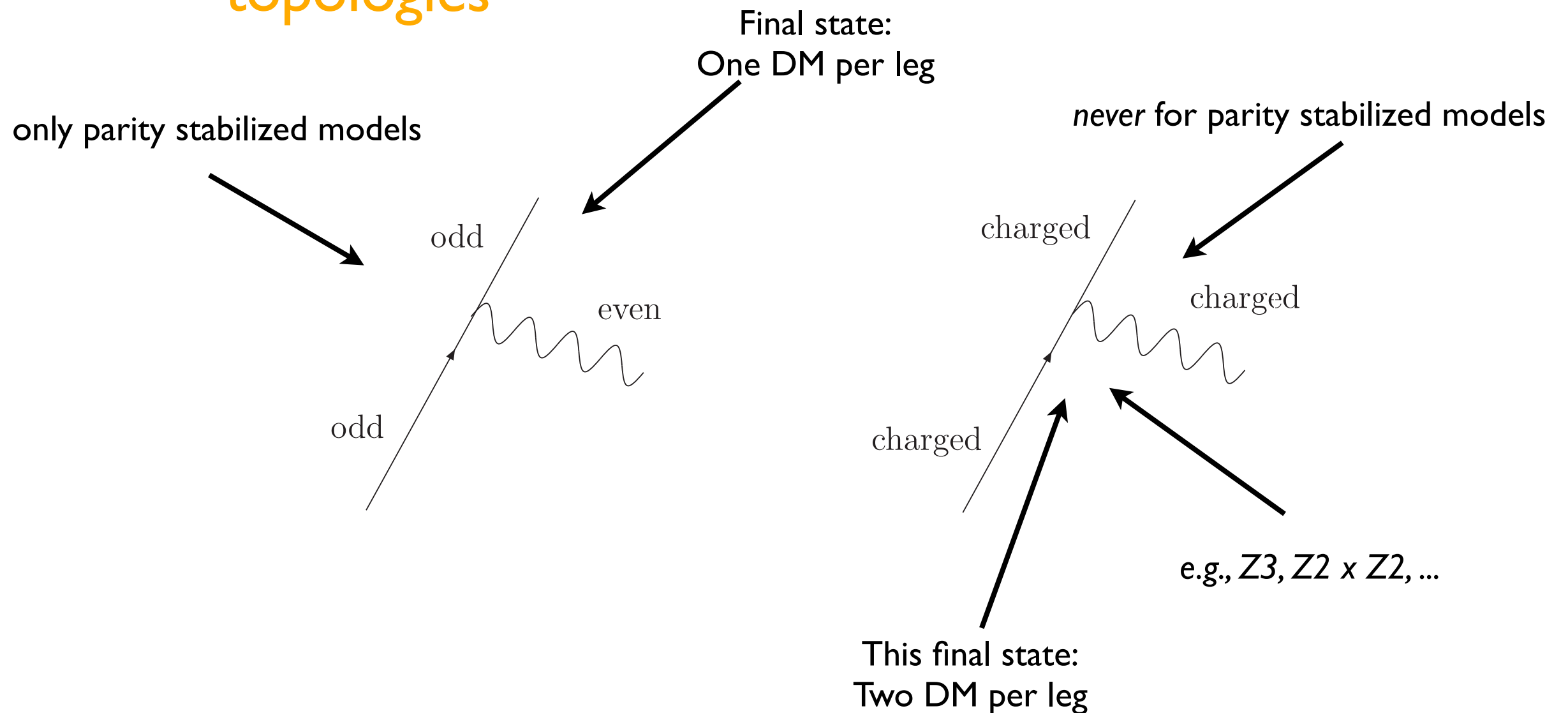
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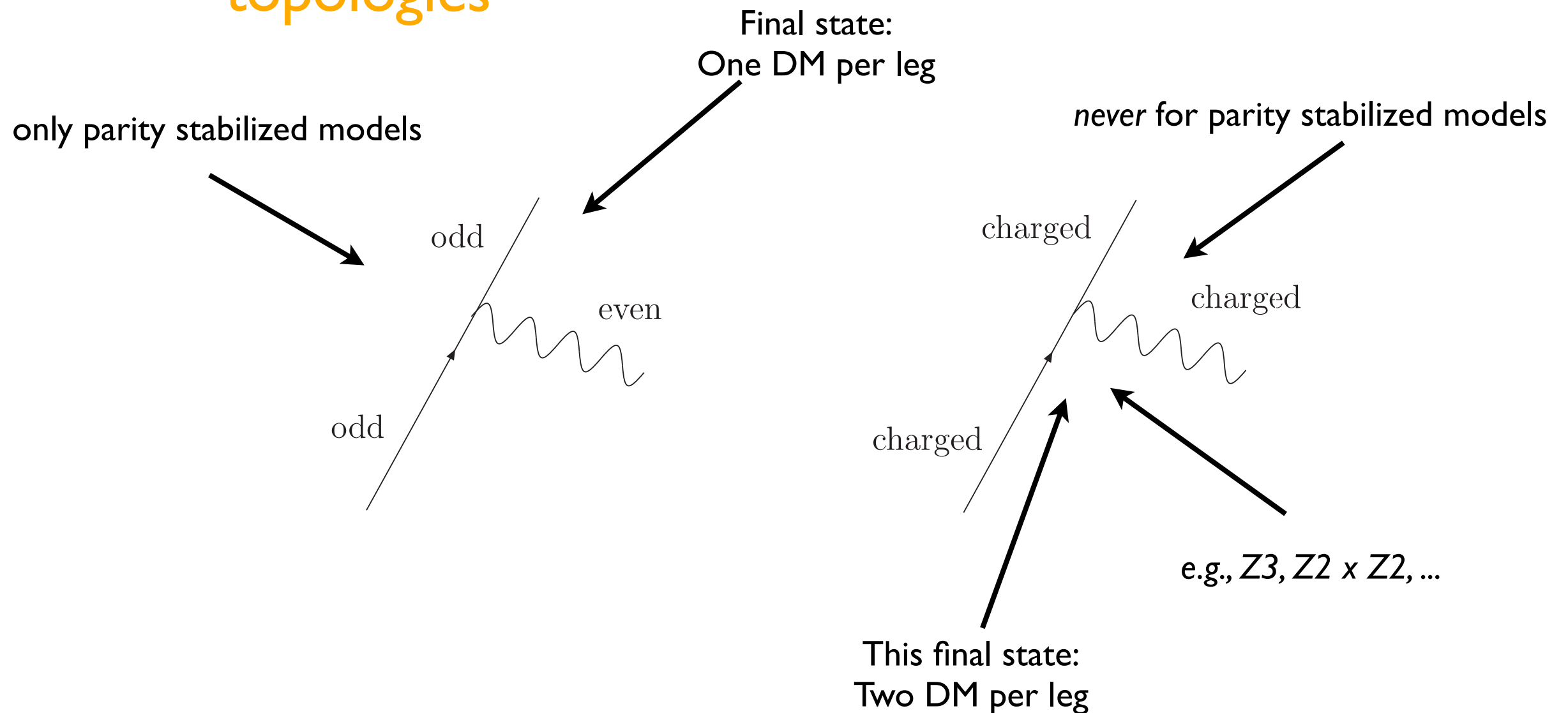
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- Searching for scenarios w/ one or two DM per leg.



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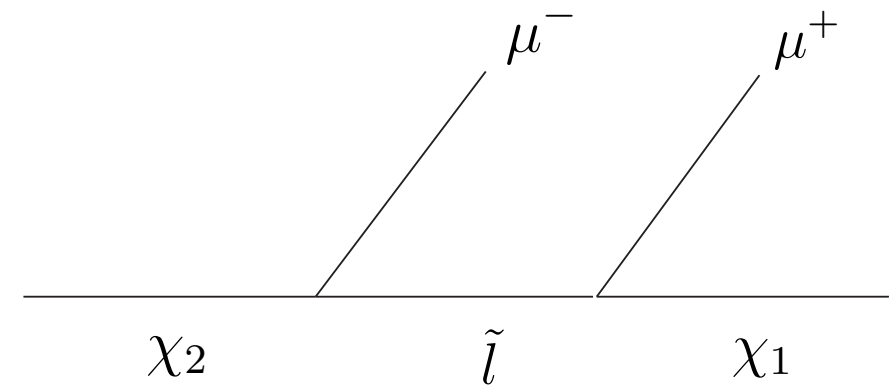
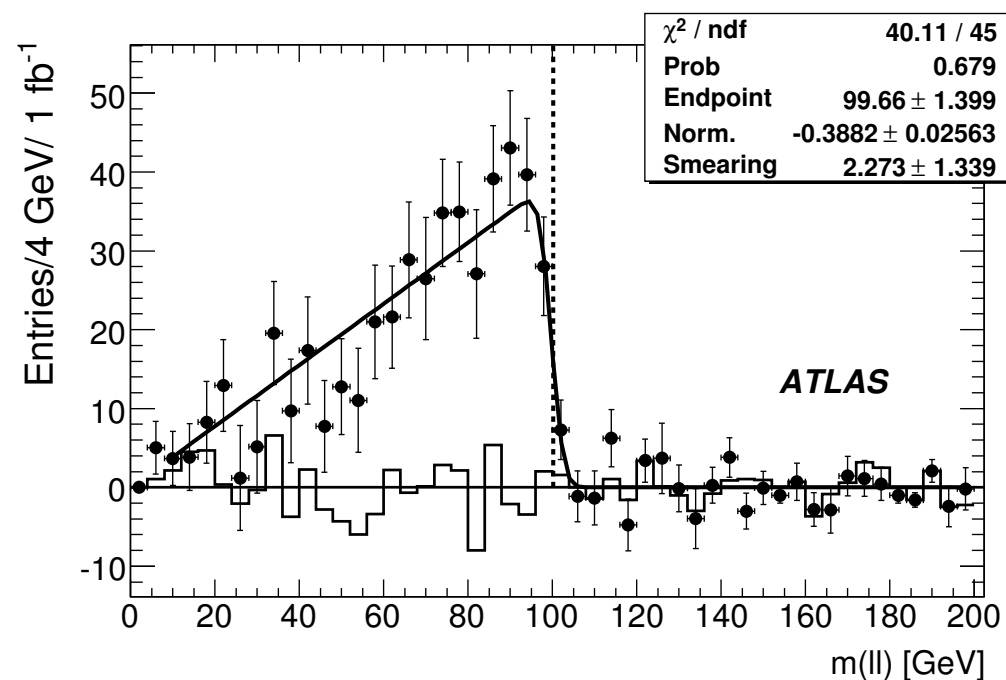
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- Future work/Conclusions

# Part I: Unique Decay Topologies and Reconstruction

# Decays for Parity Models

(a one slide review)

- Standard searches at LHC involves kinematic endpoints.

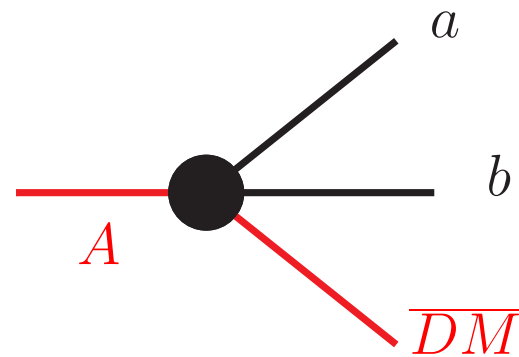


$$m_{\ell\ell}^{\text{edge}} = m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{m_{\tilde{\ell}}}{m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}}\right)^2} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}}{m_{\tilde{\ell}}}\right)^2}$$

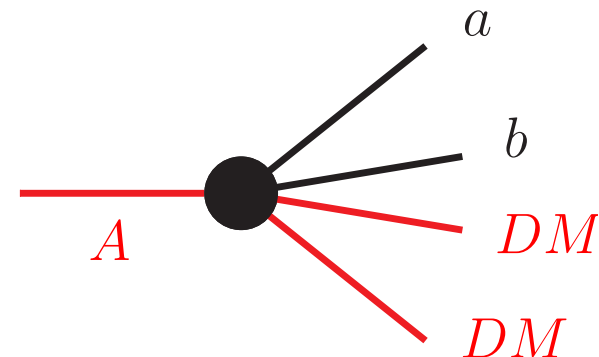
$$m_{\chi_2} = 218.6 \text{ GeV}, m_{\tilde{l}} = 230.45, m_{\chi_1} = 117.91$$

# Non-Parity Decay Chains

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$Z_2$  and non-parity diagrams

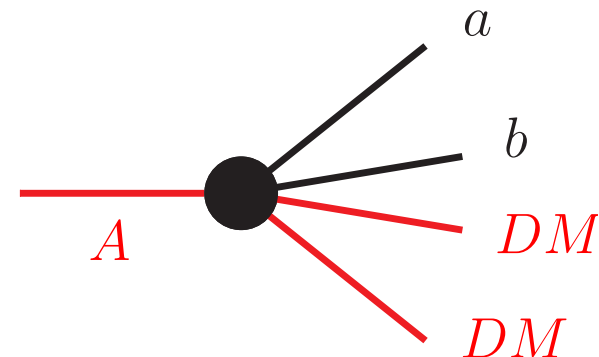
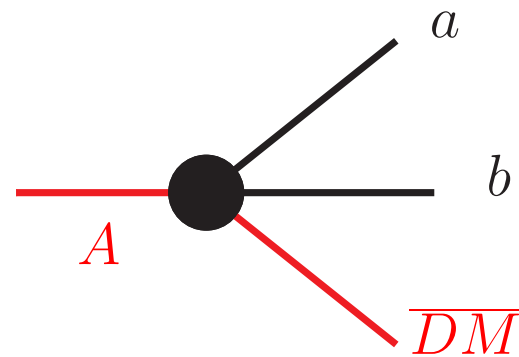


A correction for “non-parity” diagrams



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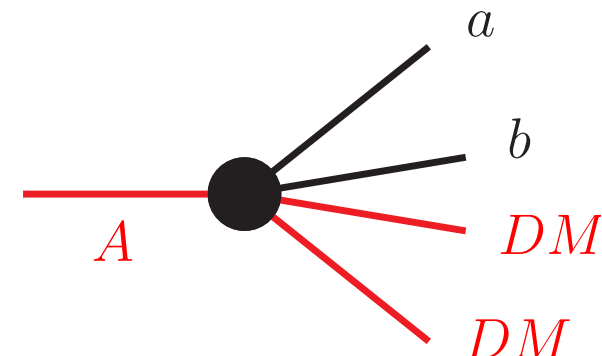
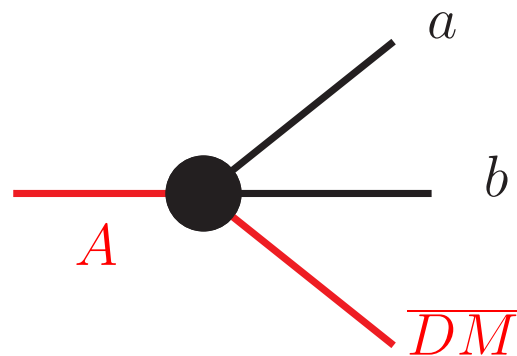
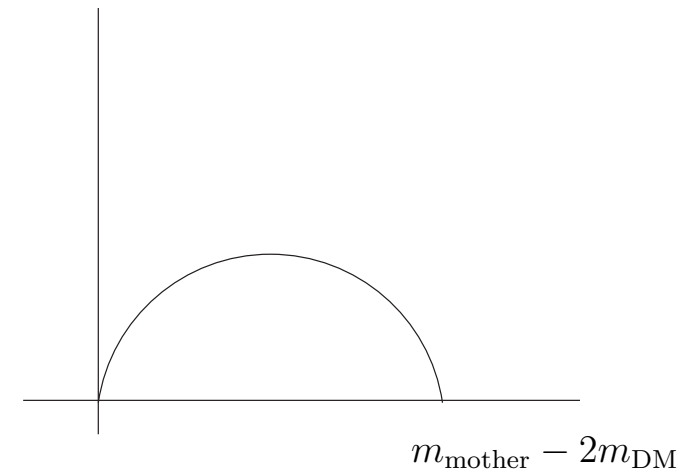
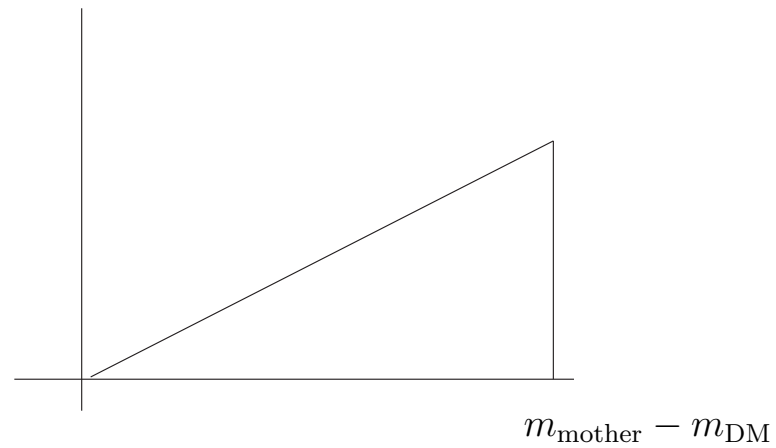
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- Generates a double kinematic edge.
- Direct calculation of DM mass.

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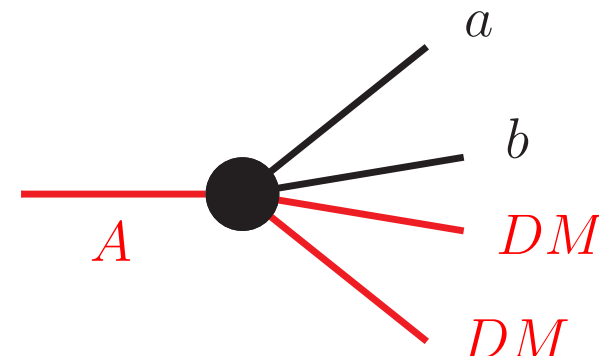
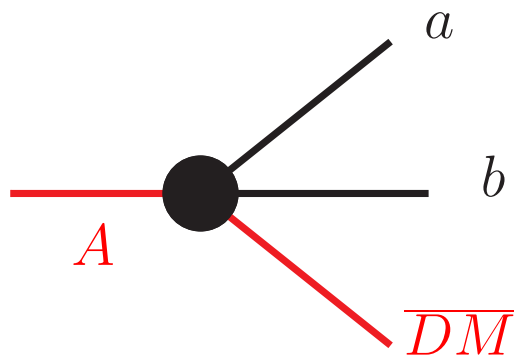
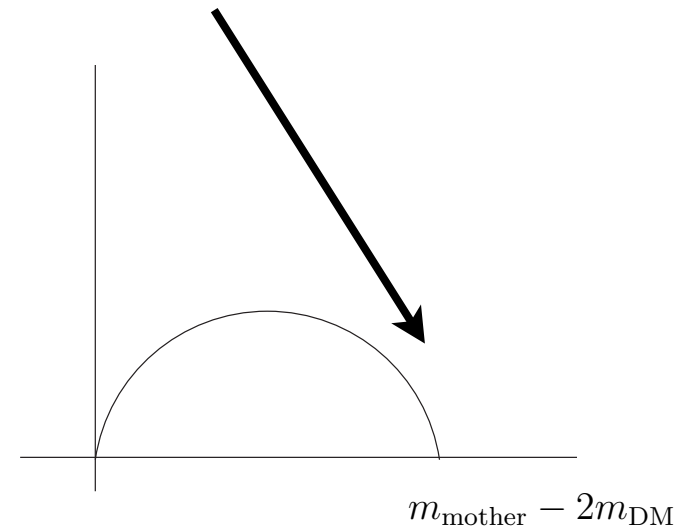
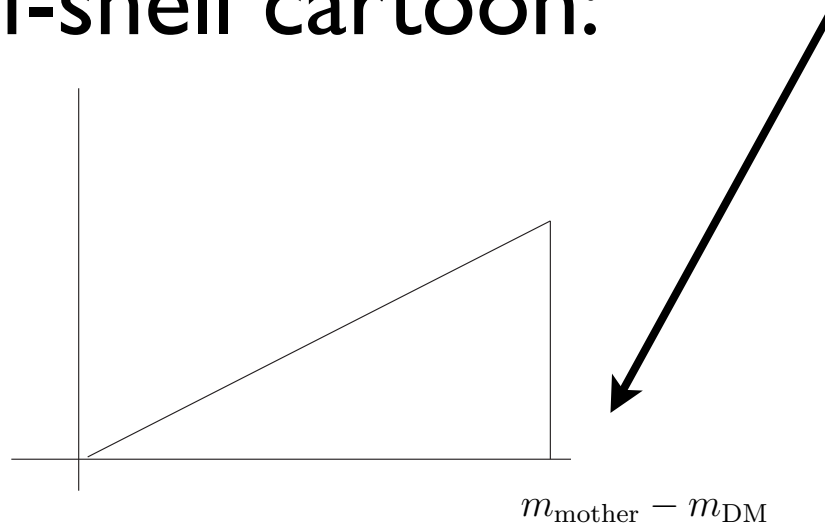
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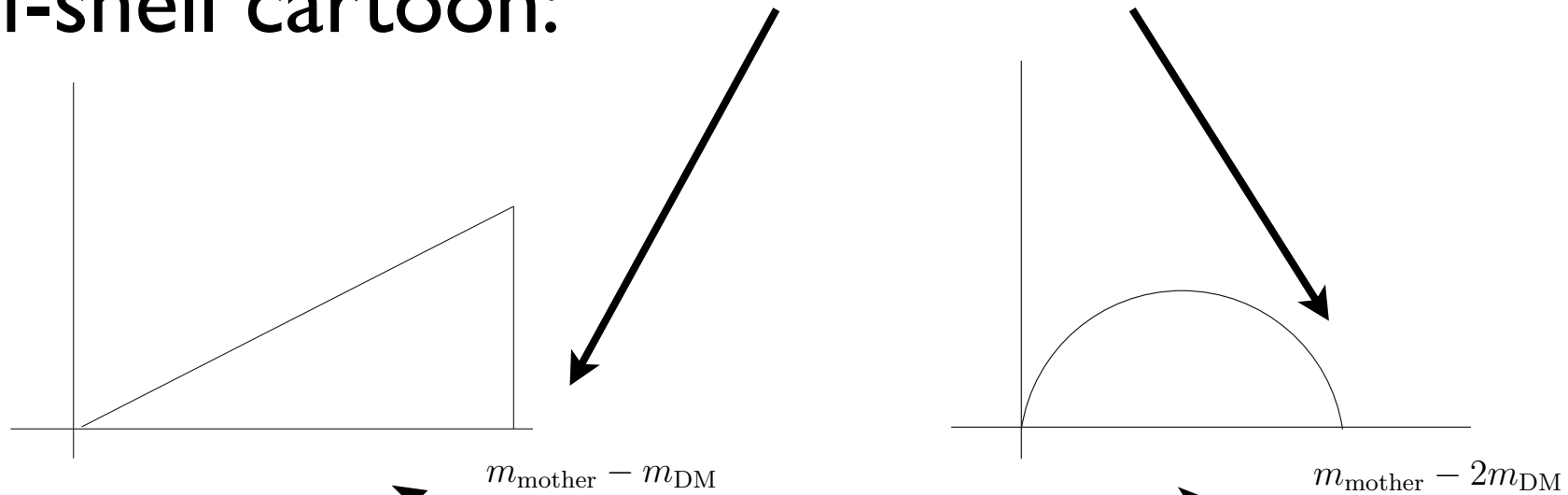
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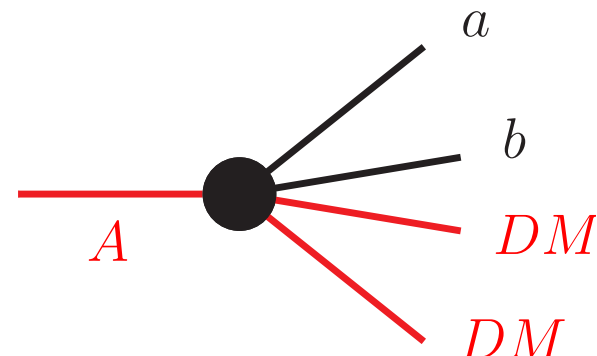
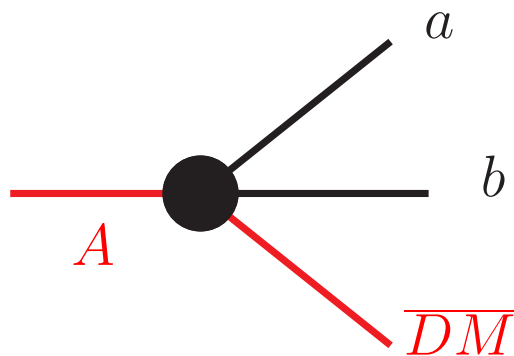
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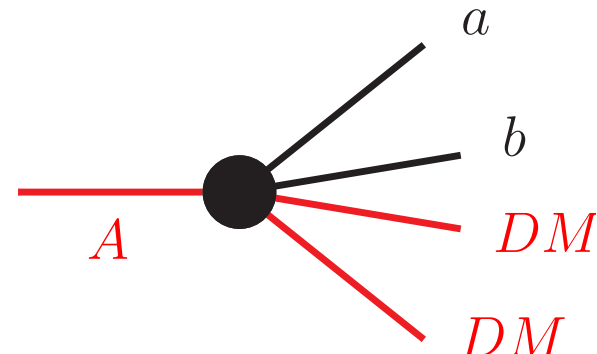
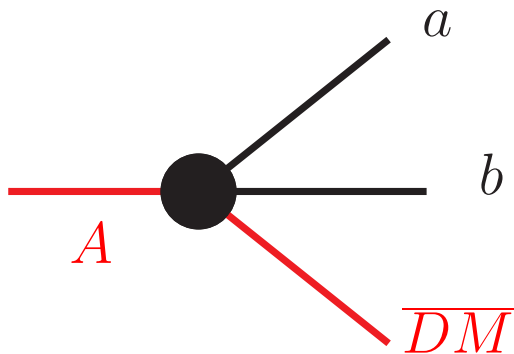
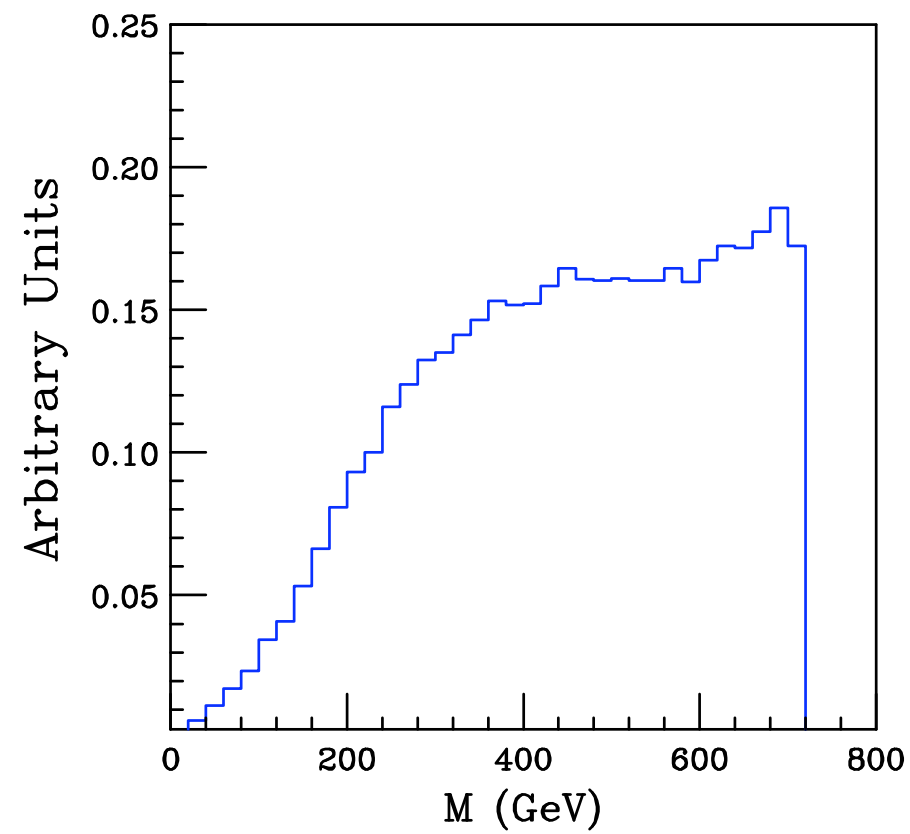


Two equations  
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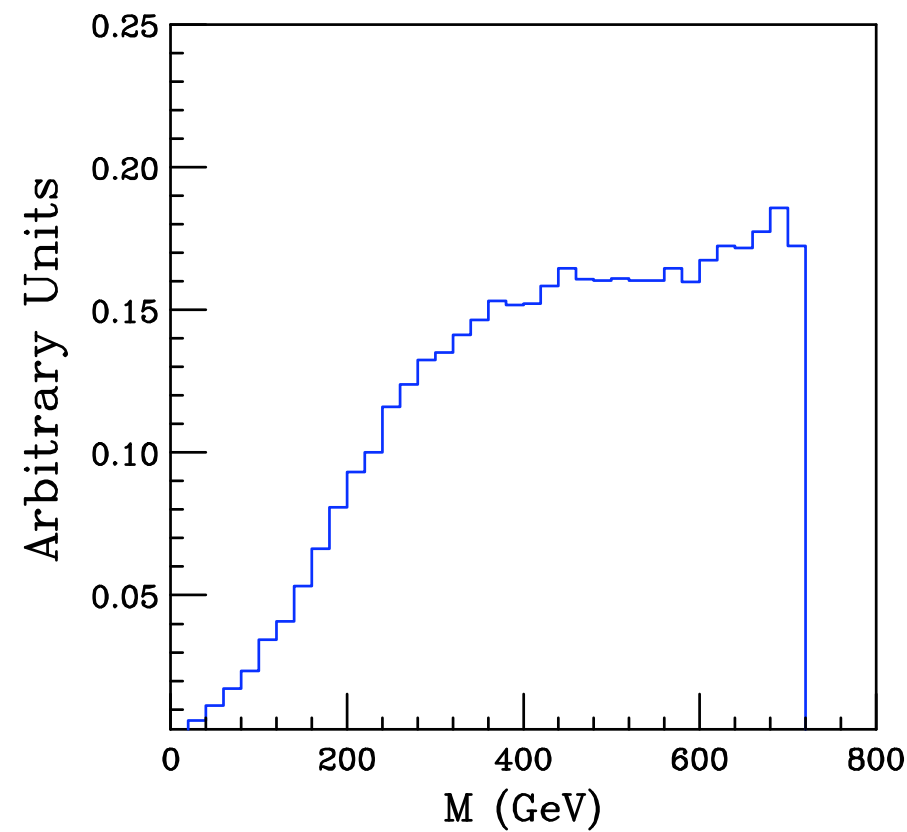
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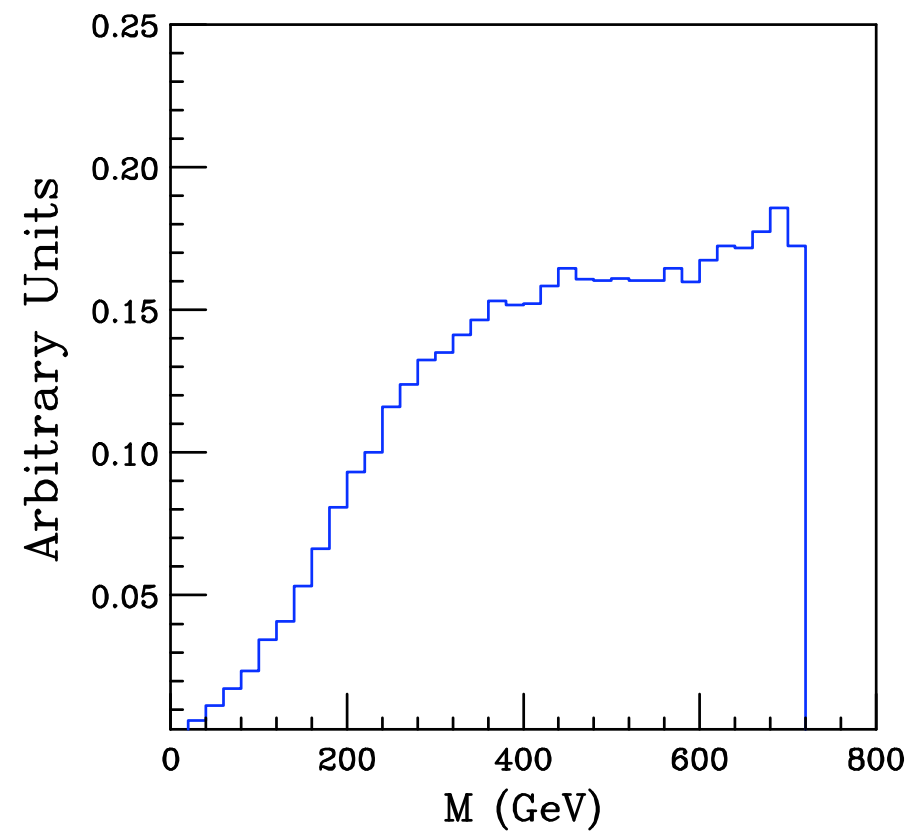
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- Any unique features underneath the effective coupling?



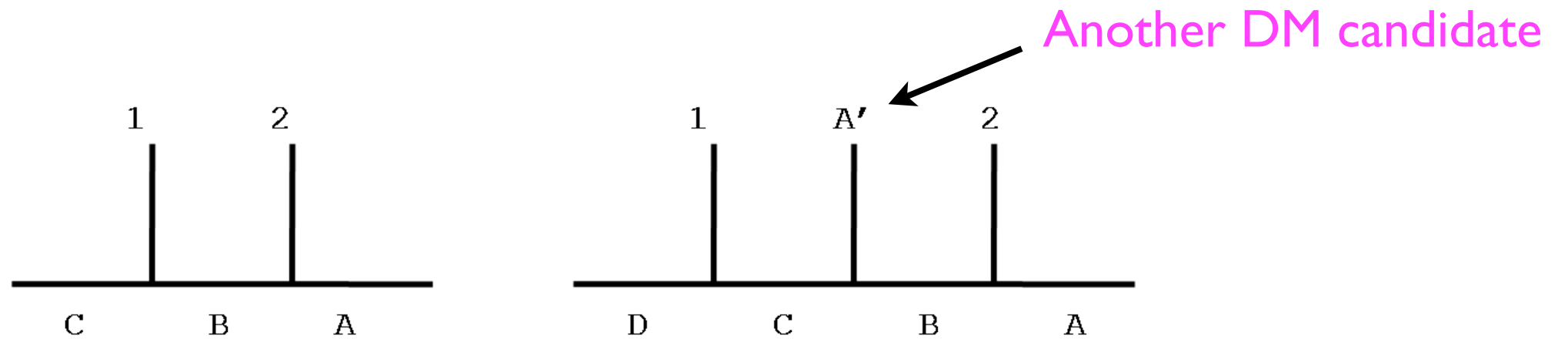
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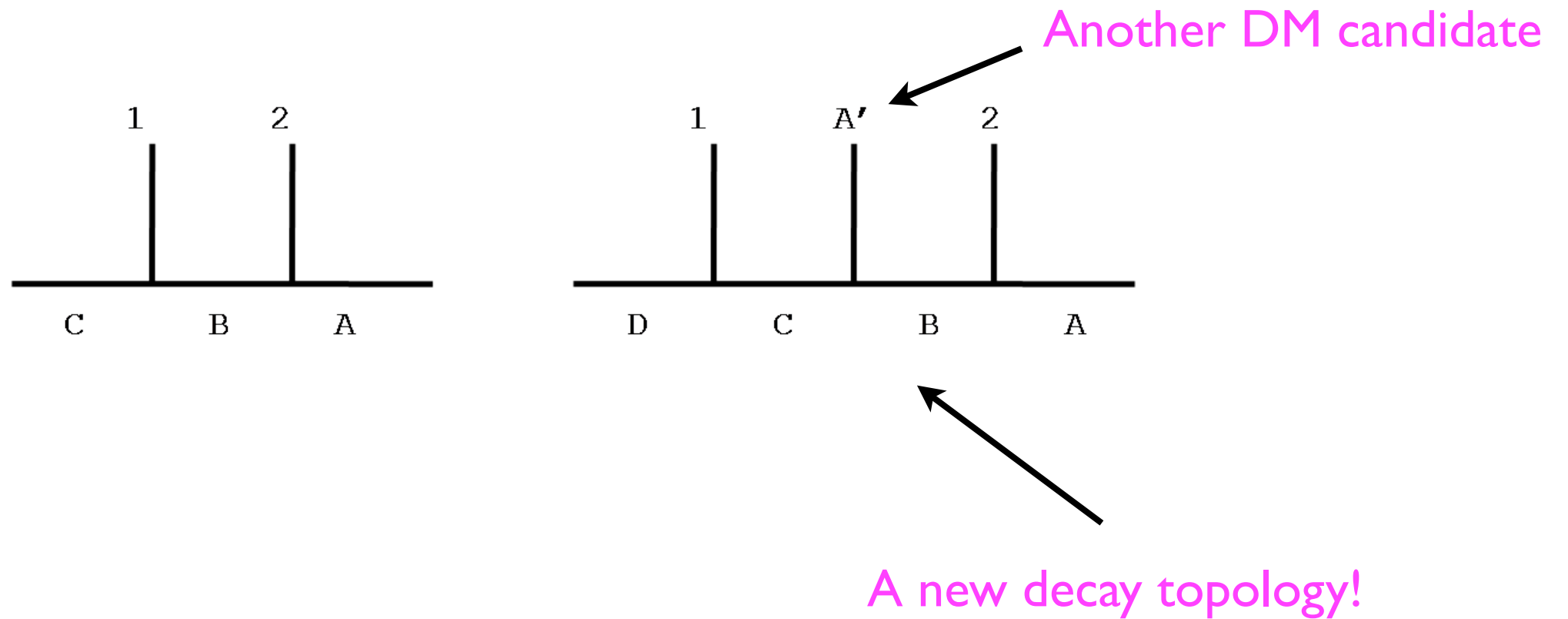
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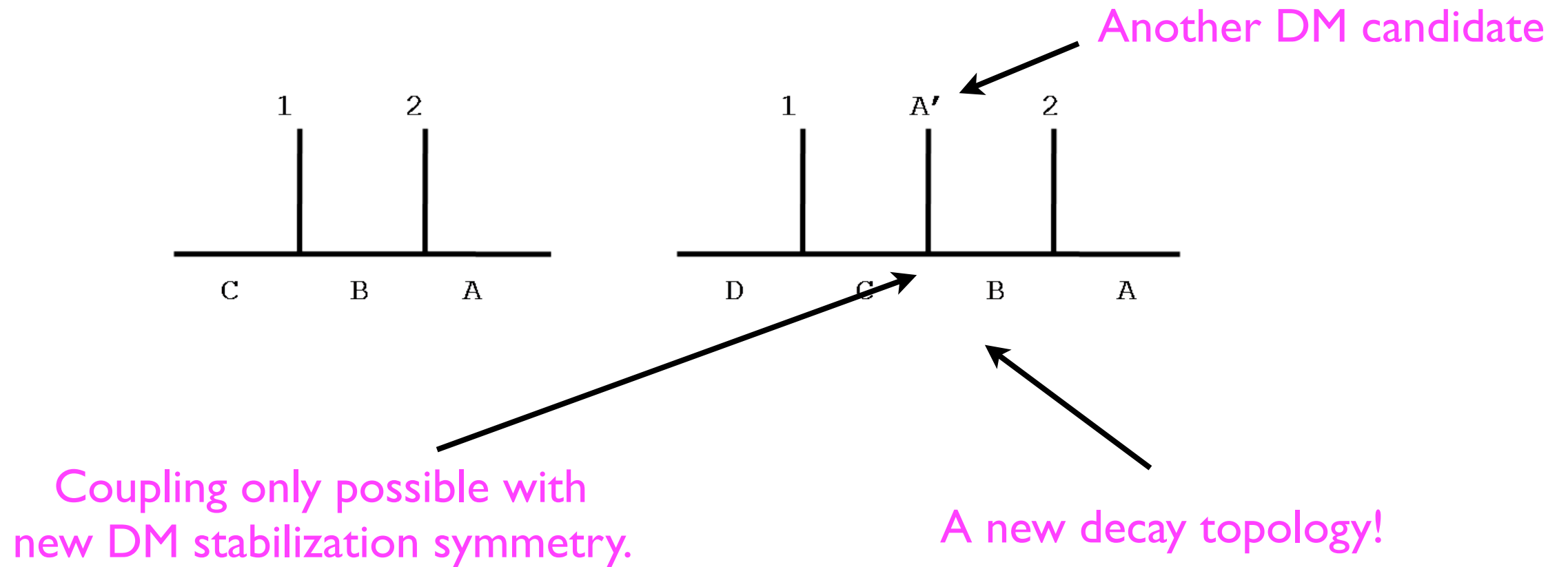
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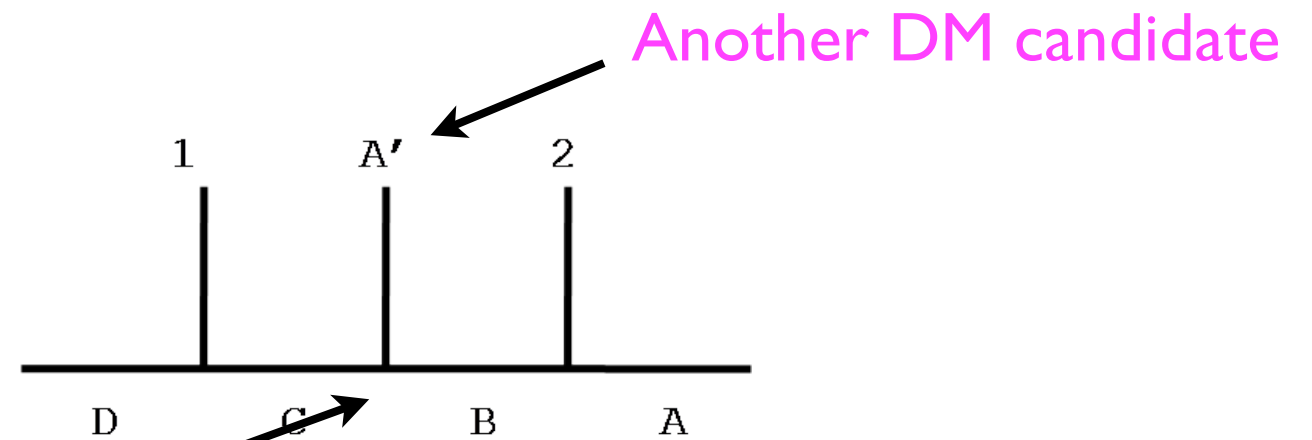
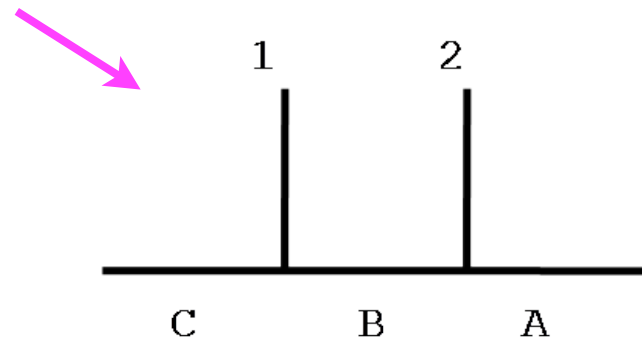


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Often dominant: Care required to see “non-parity” signal.



Coupling only possible with new DM stabilization symmetry.

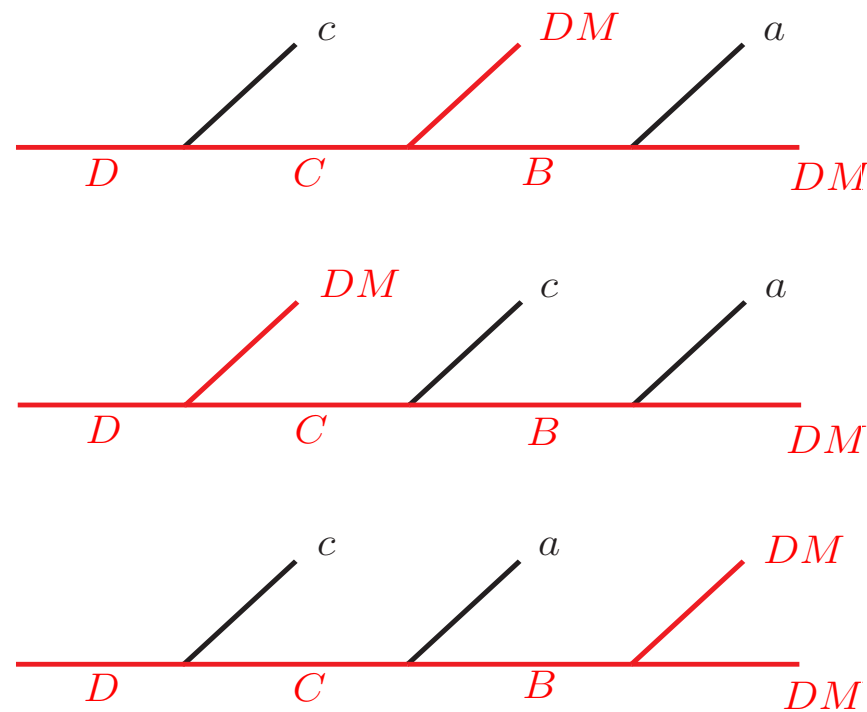
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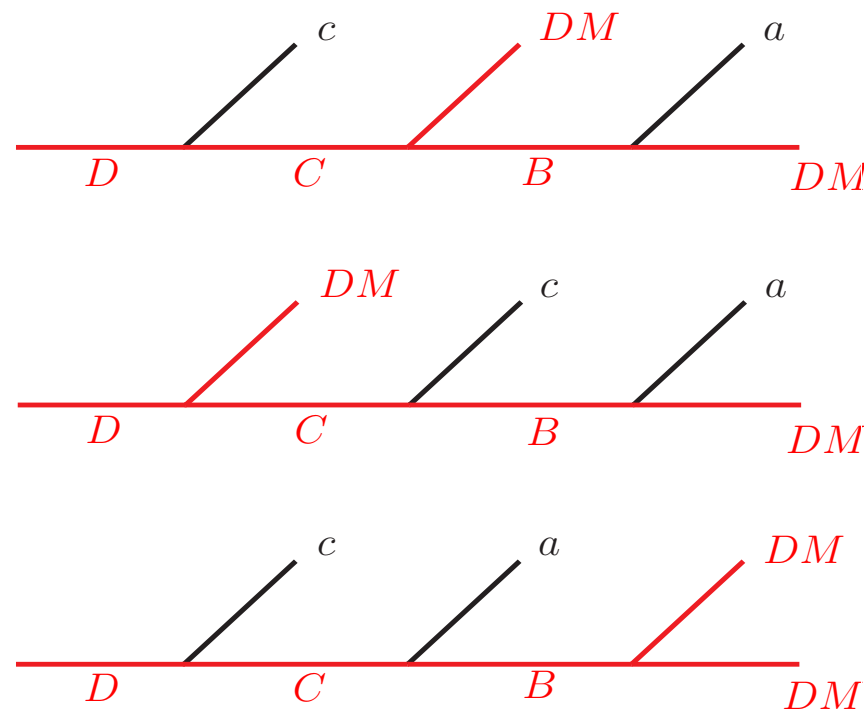
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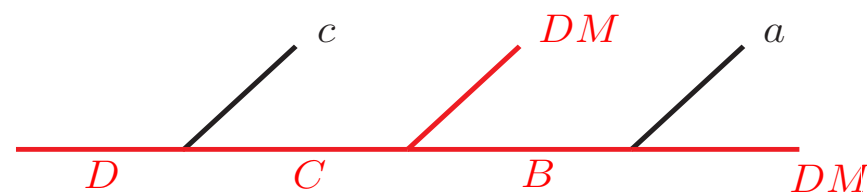
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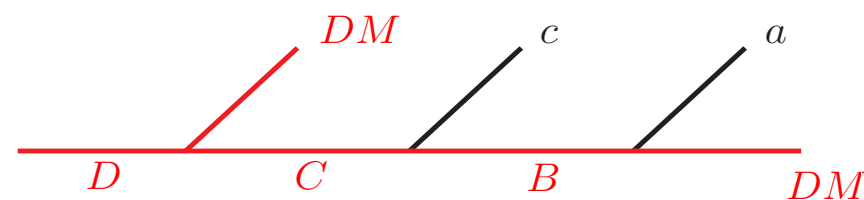


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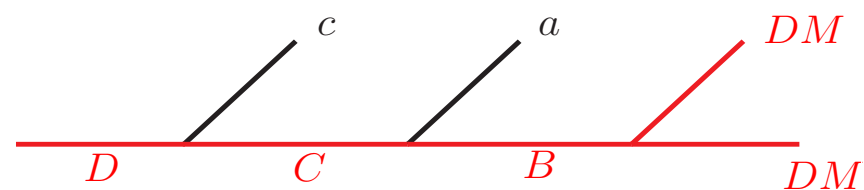
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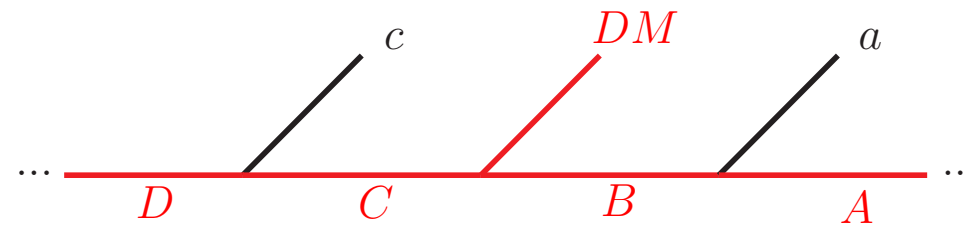


Distinguish these topologies with MT2 momentarily.

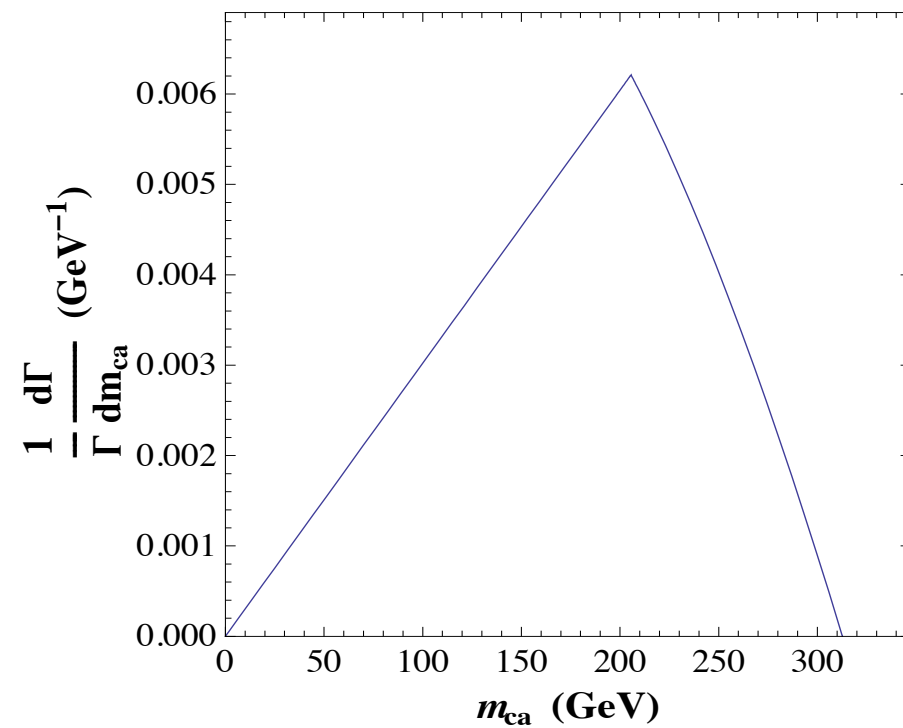




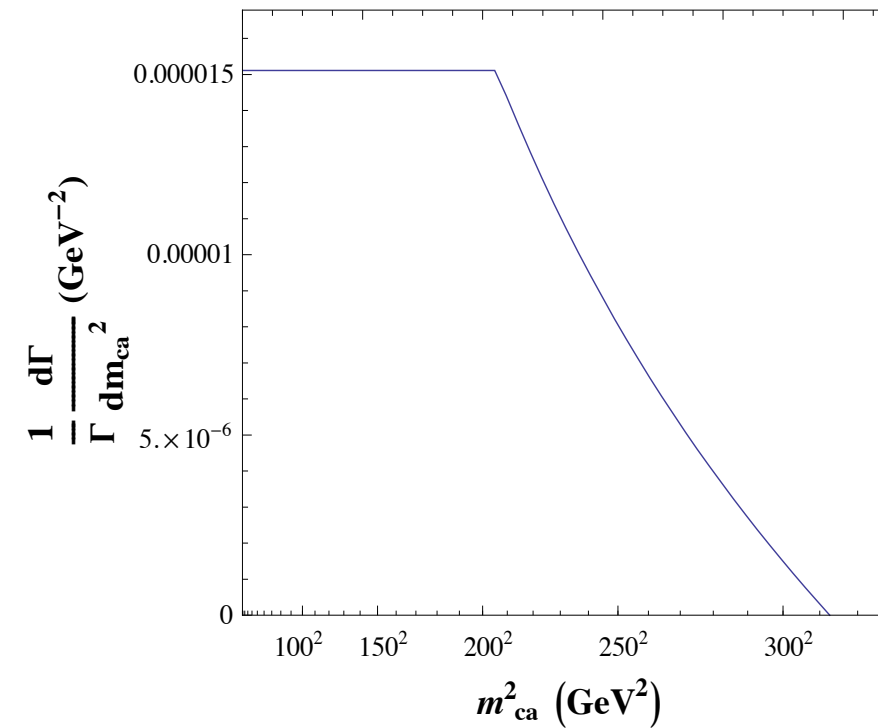
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**4-body decay: Inv. mass distribution**



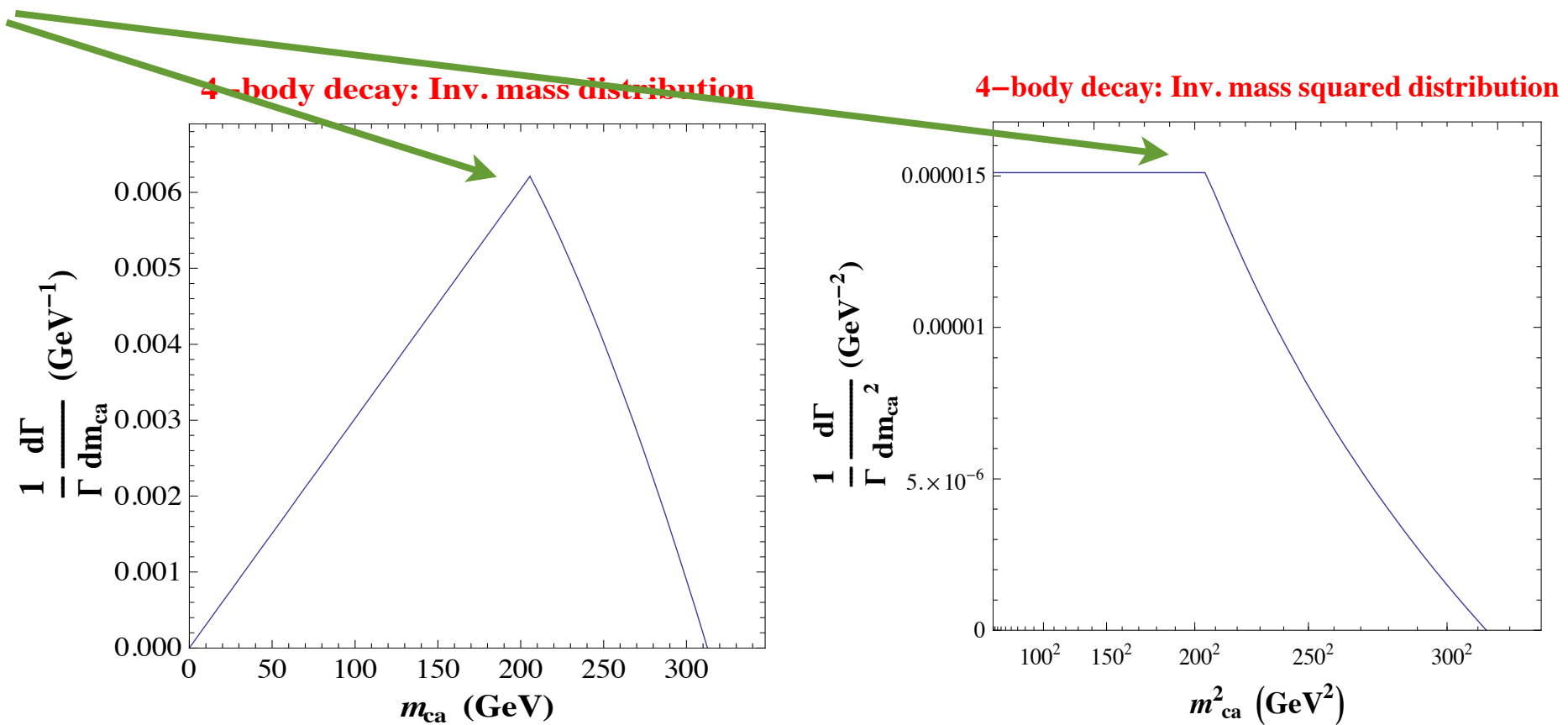
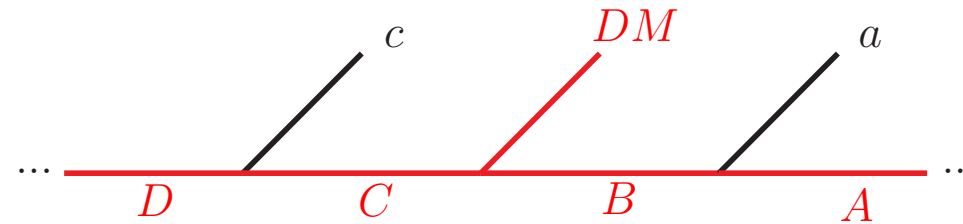
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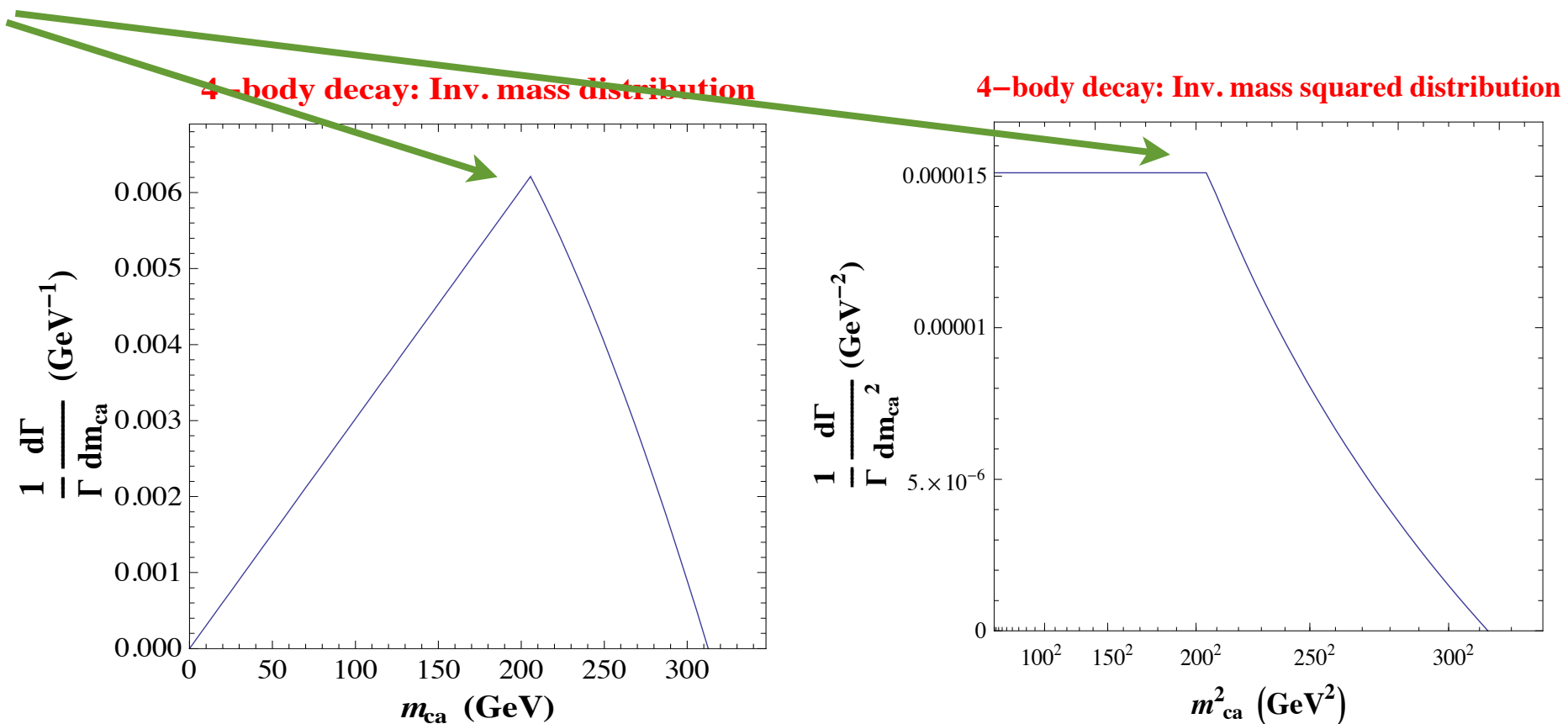
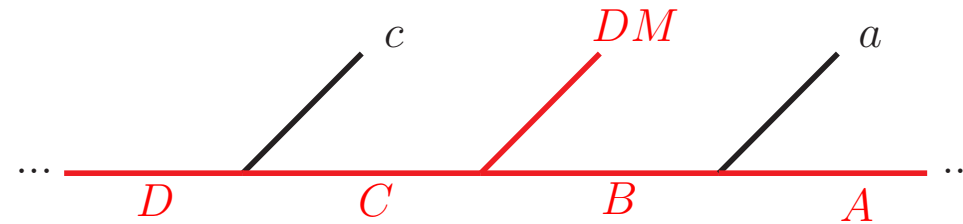
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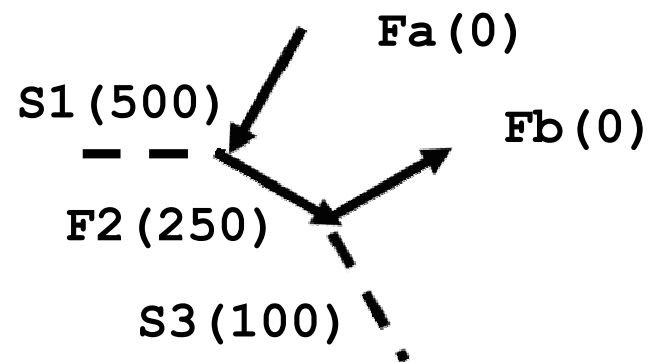
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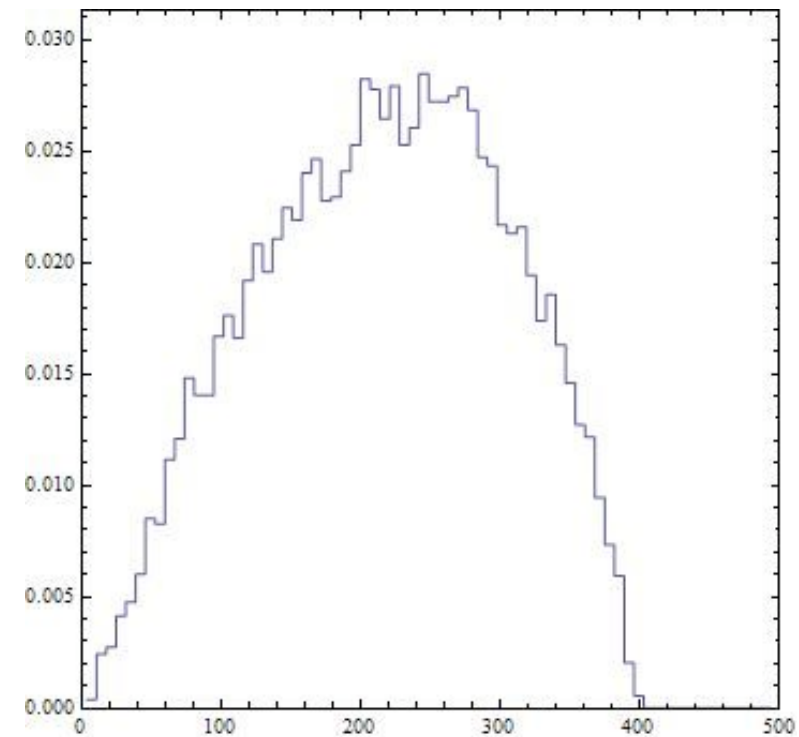
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# The Importance of Spin



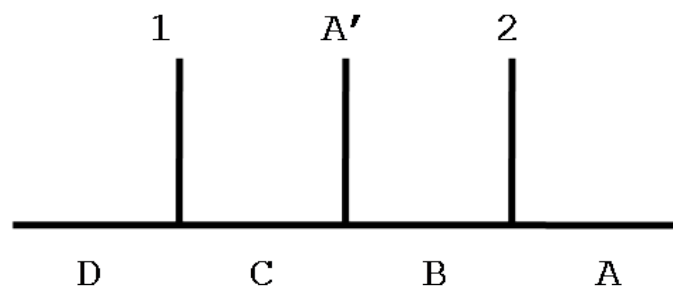
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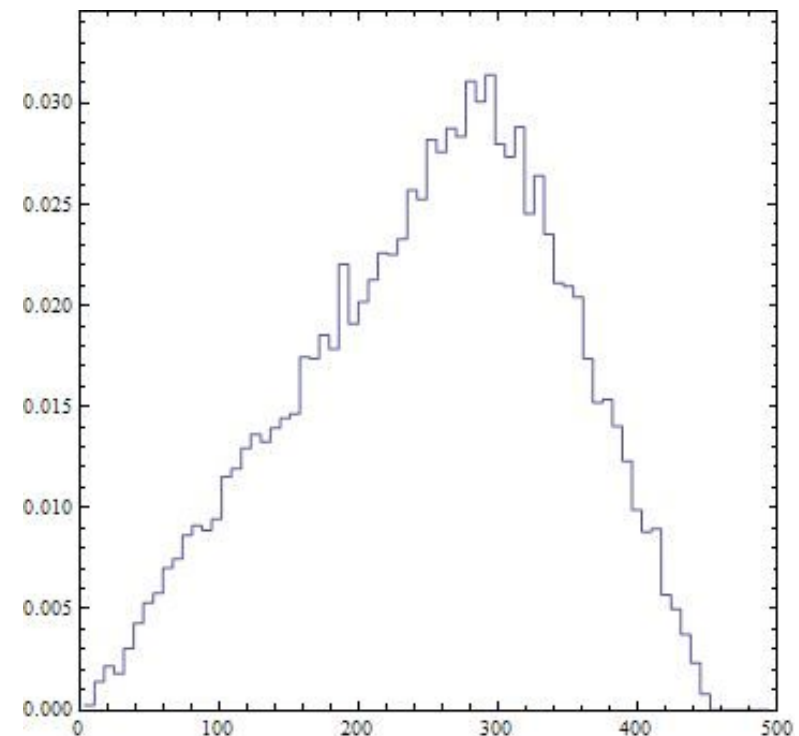


Invariant mass of Fa + Fb

Our signal process

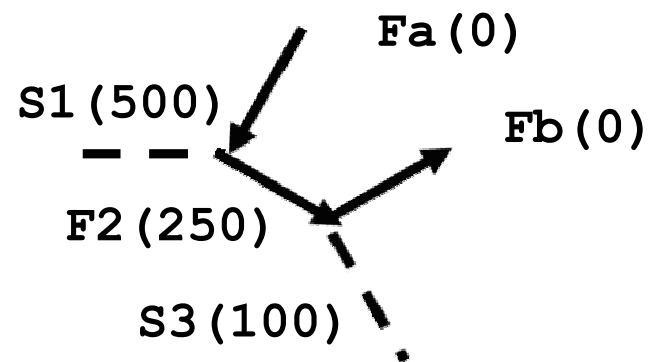


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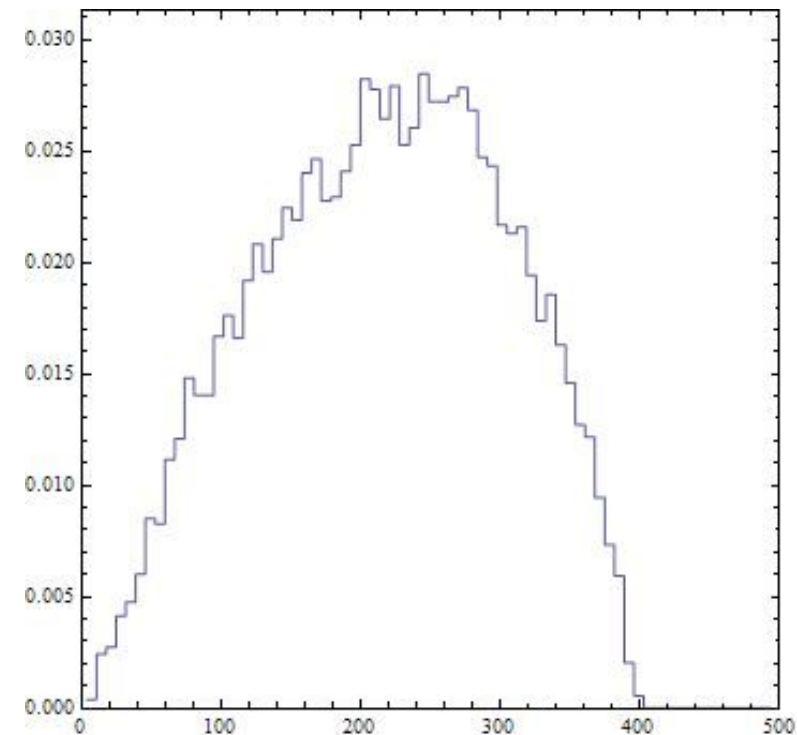


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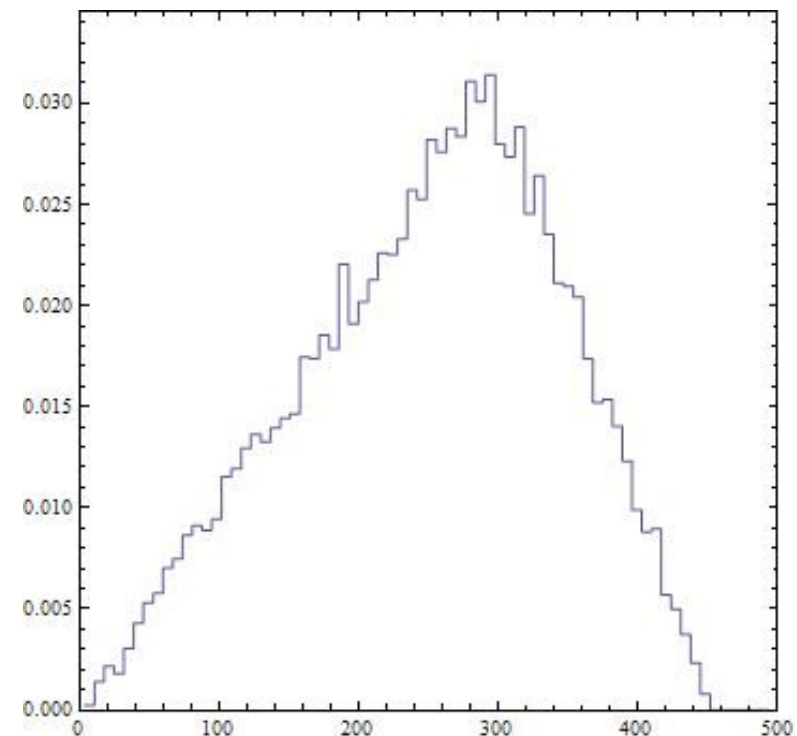
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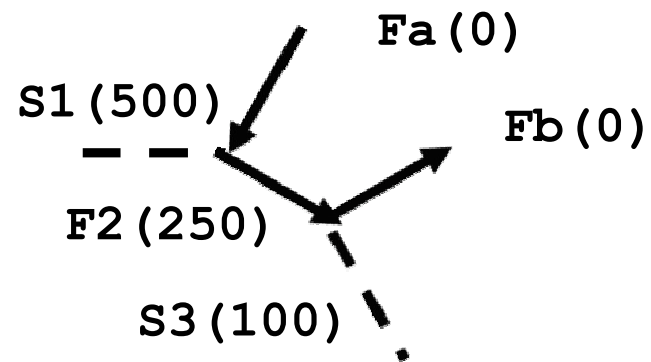
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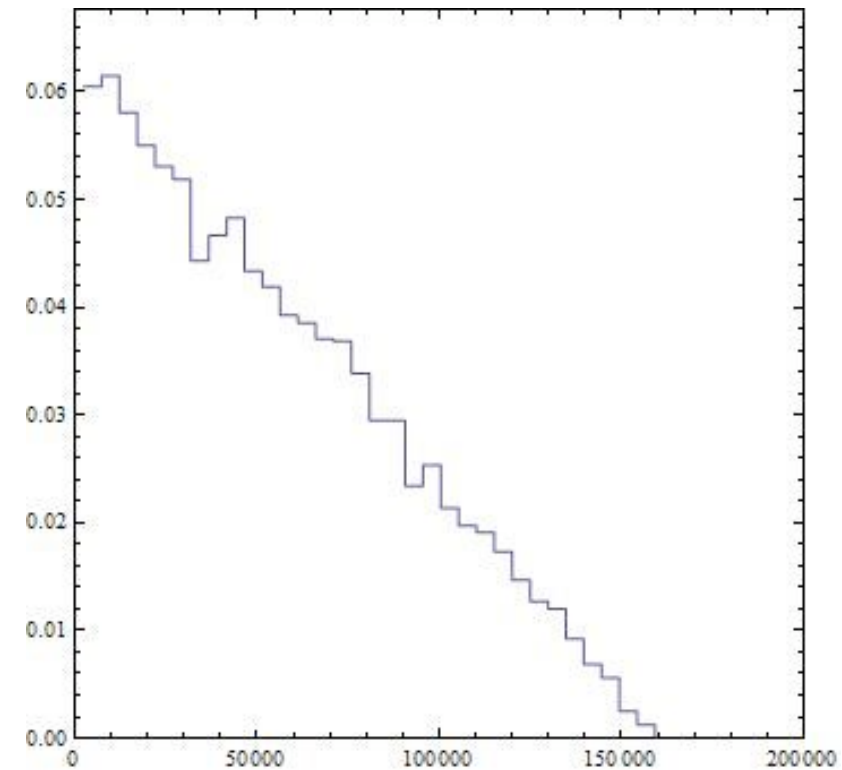
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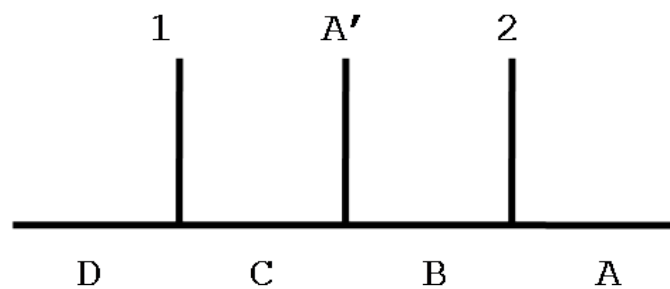


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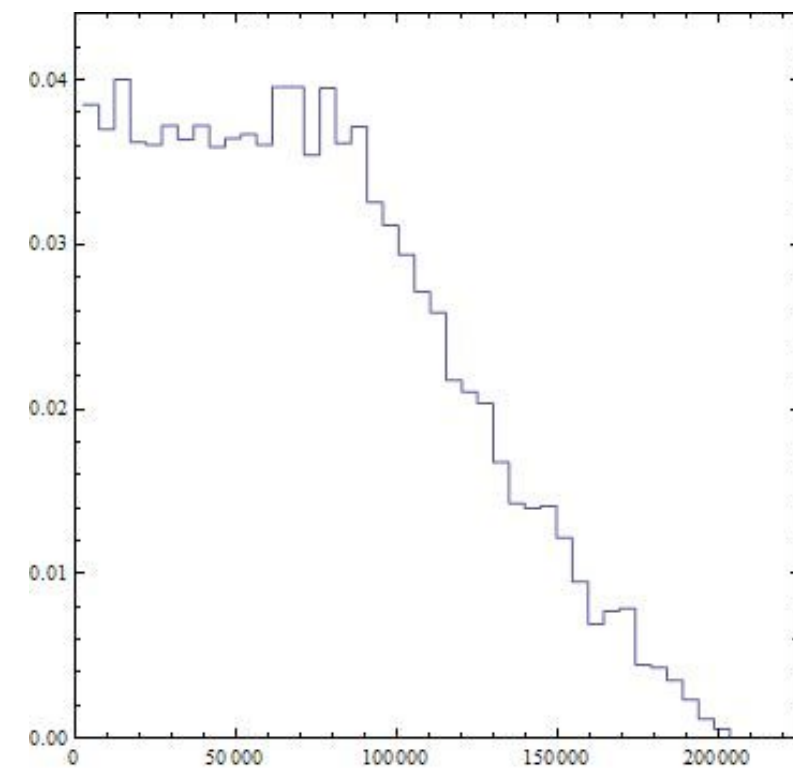
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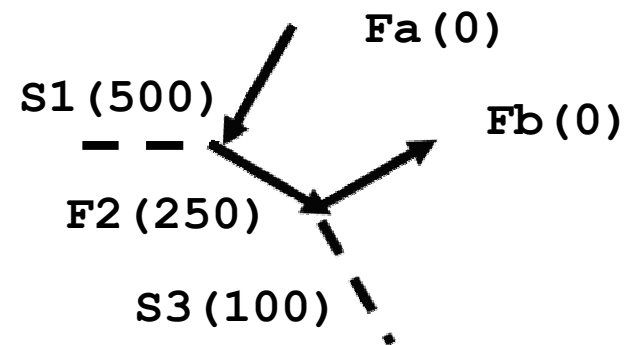
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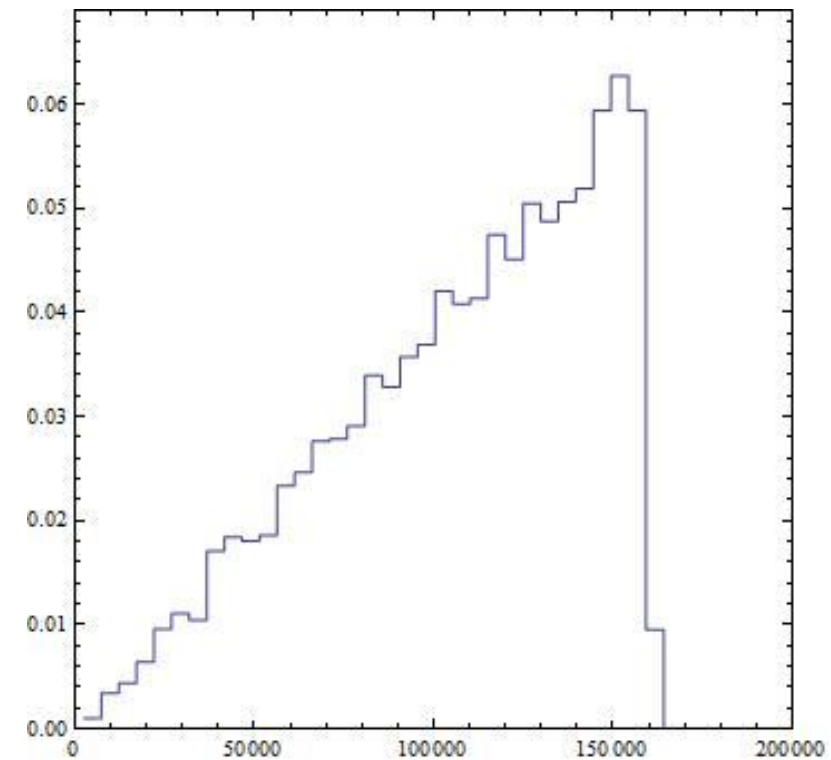


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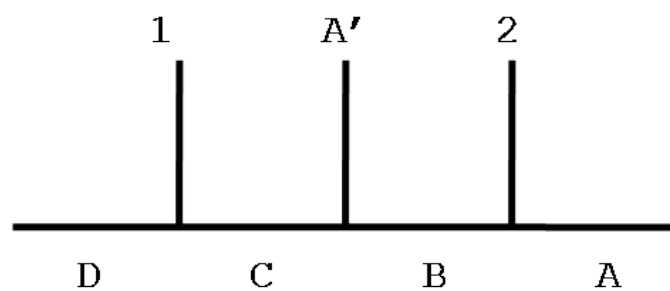
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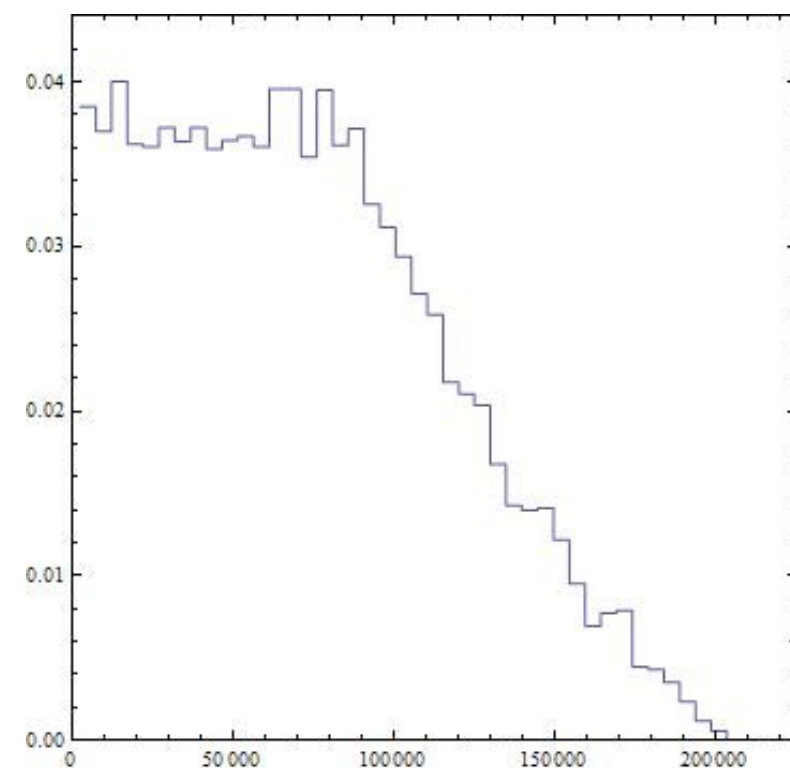


Invariant mass squared of  $Fa+Fb$

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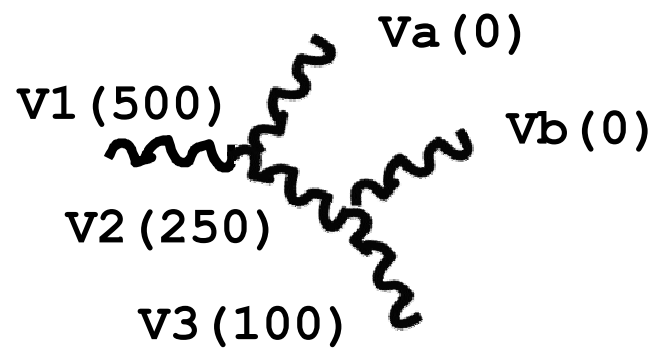


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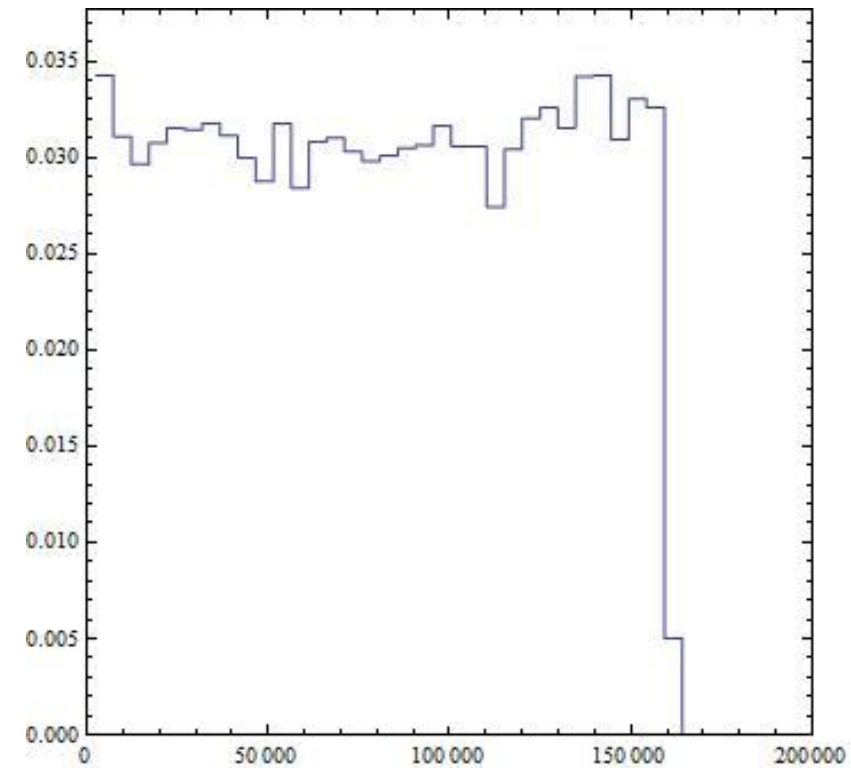


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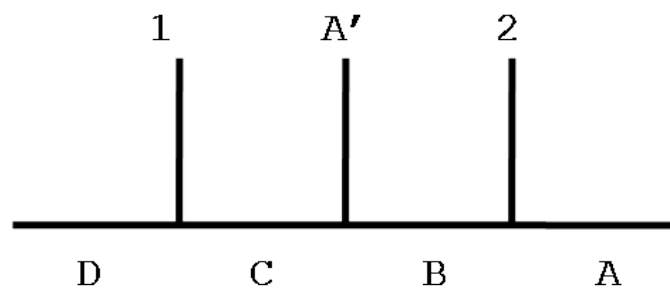


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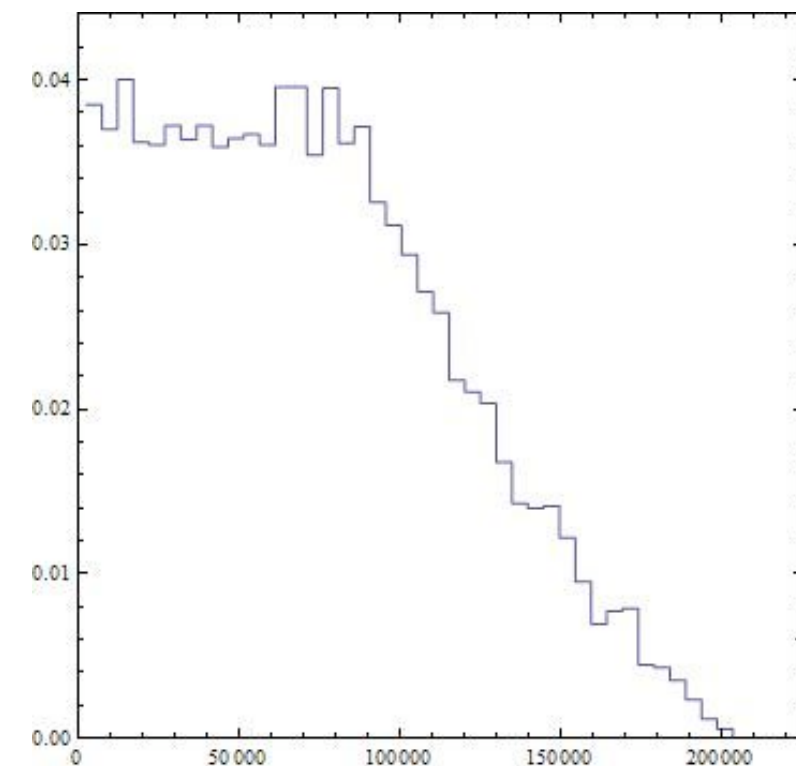


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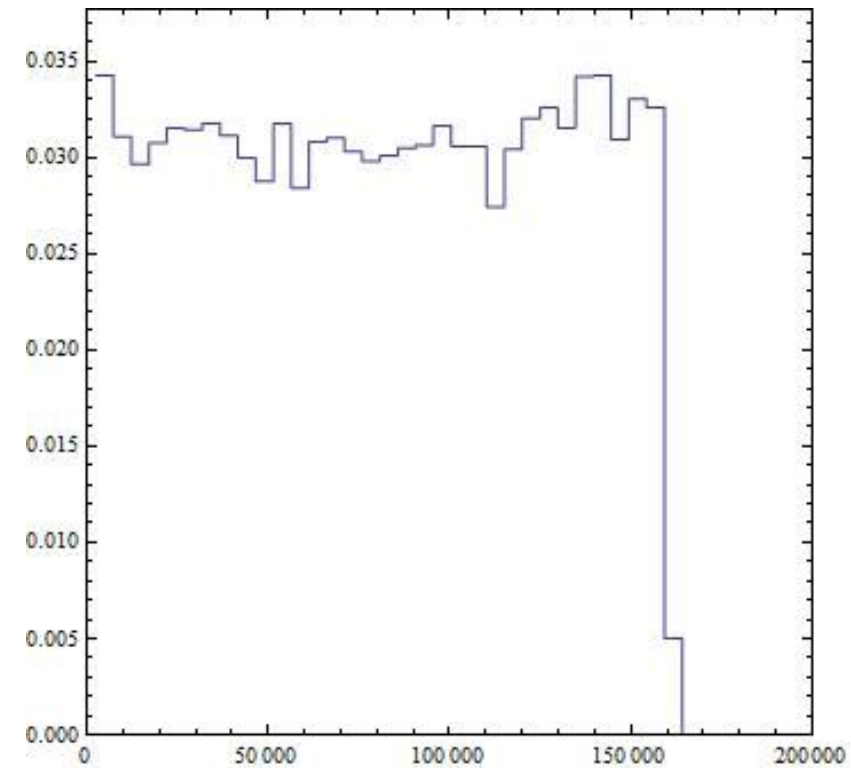
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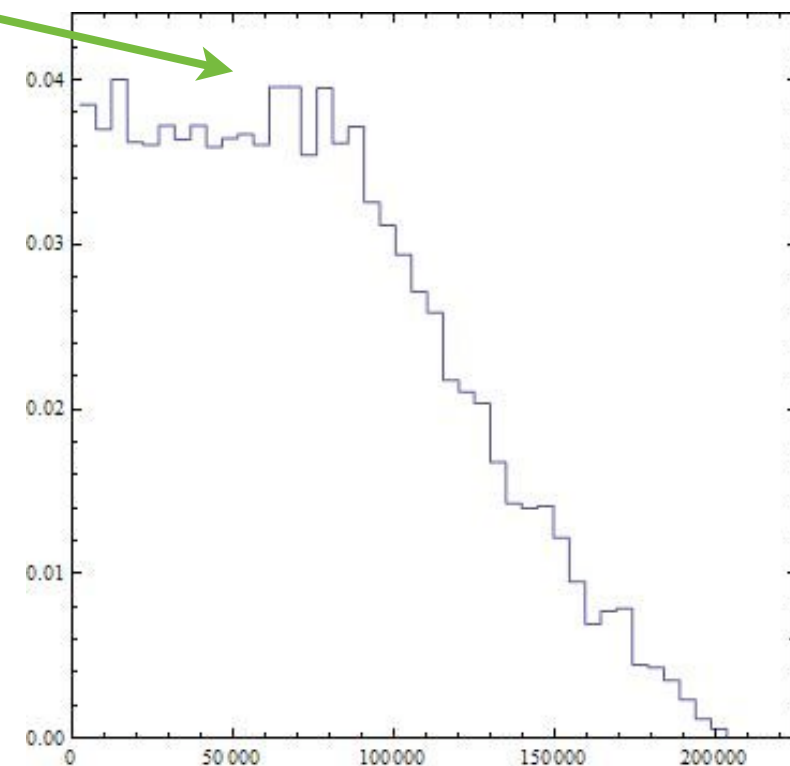
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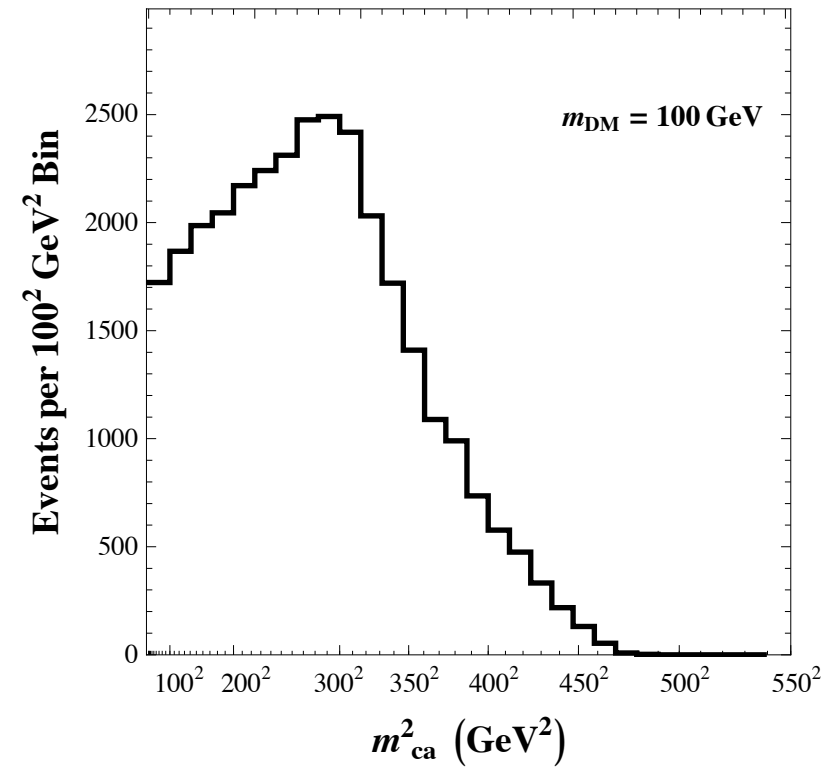
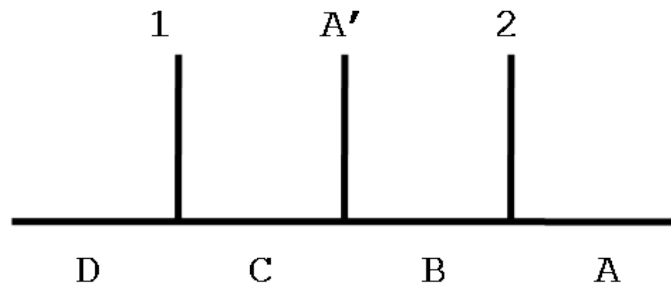
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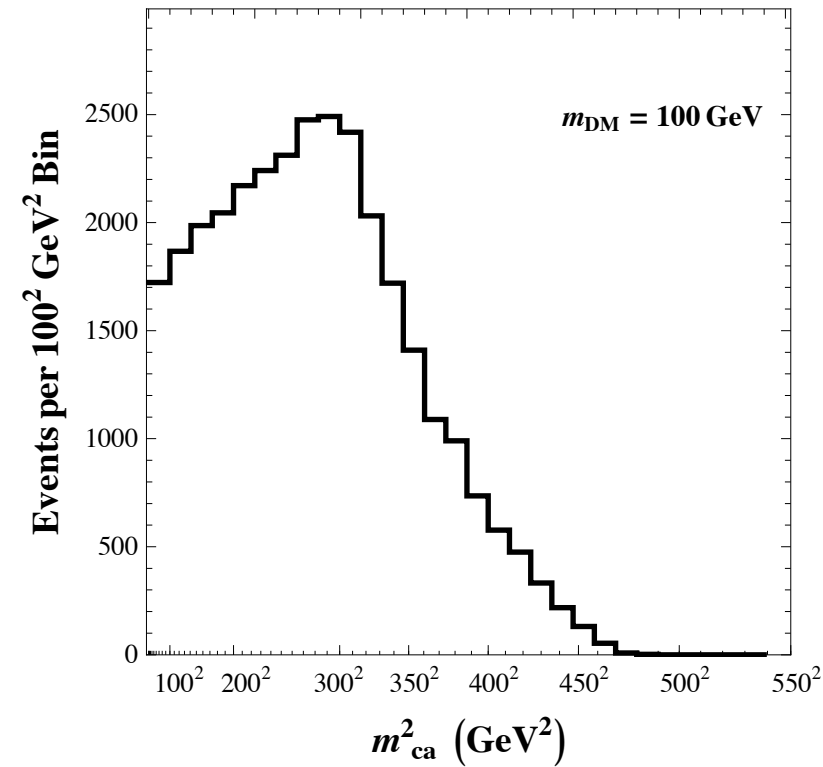
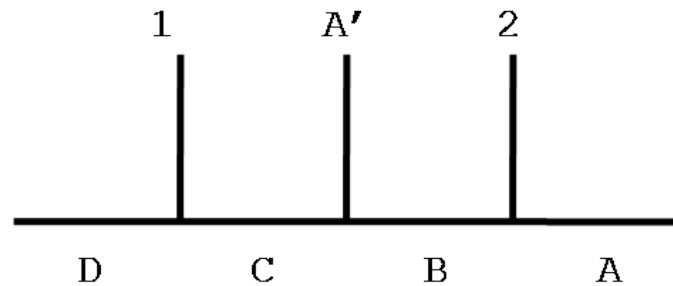


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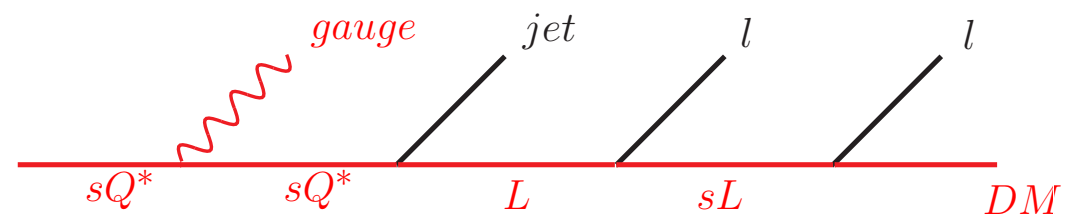
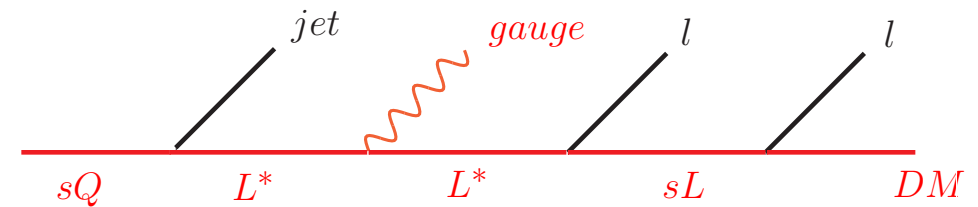
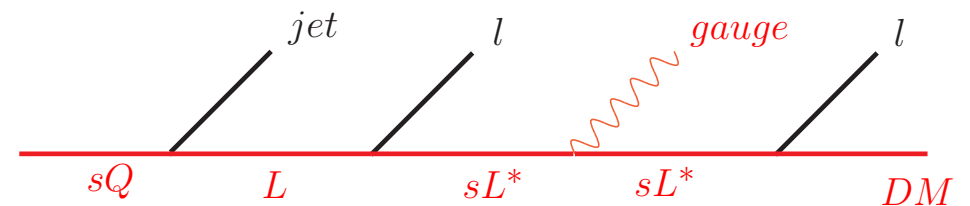
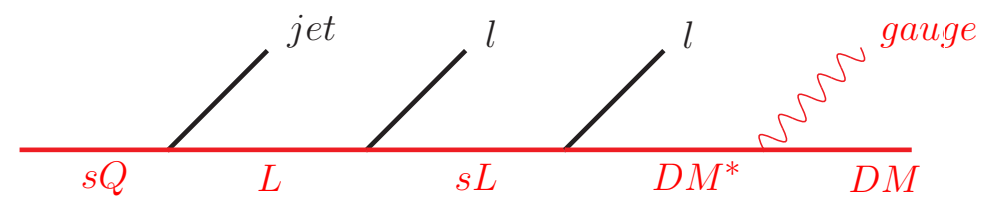
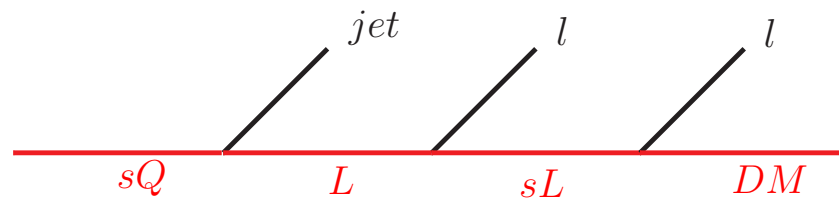


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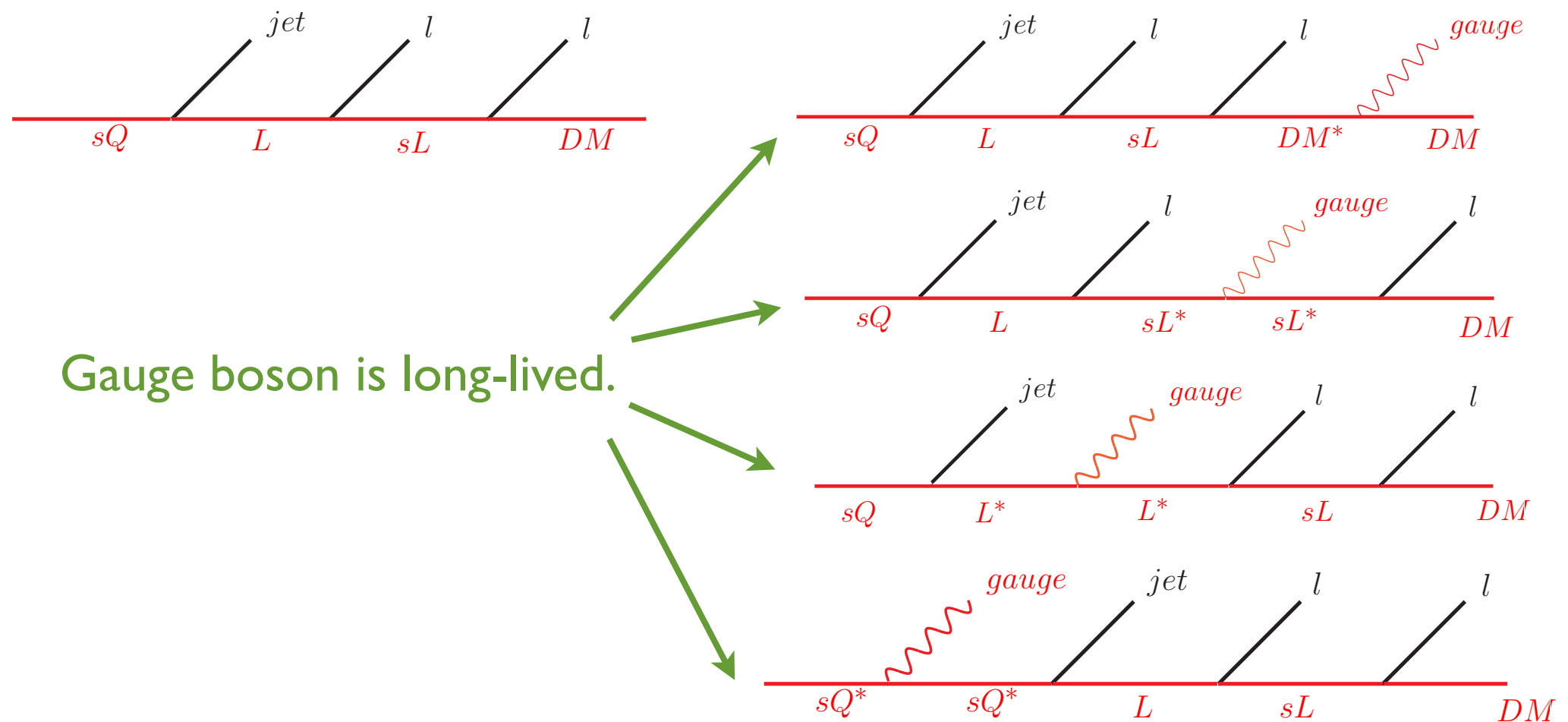
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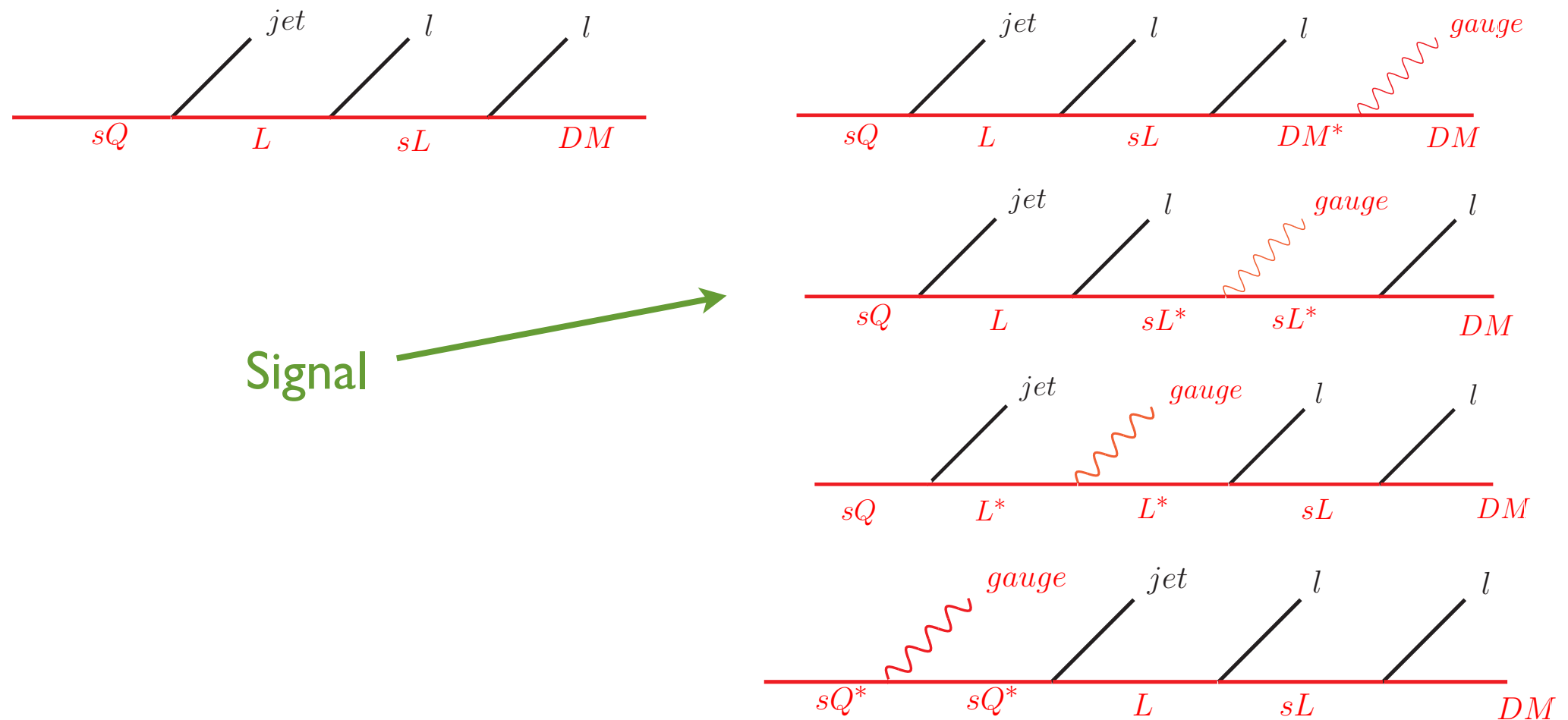
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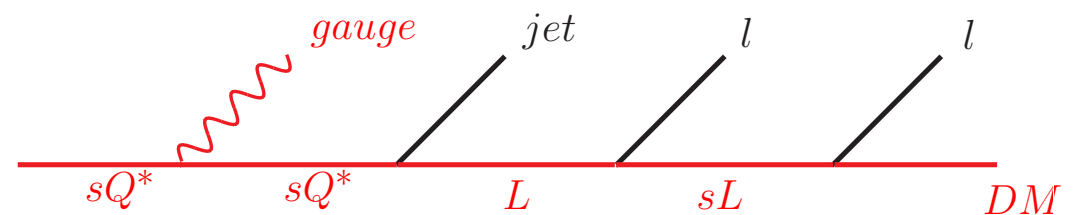
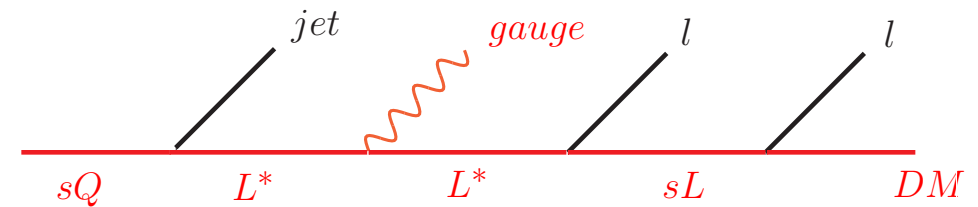
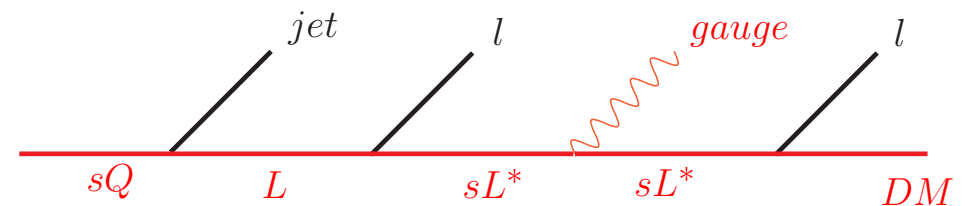
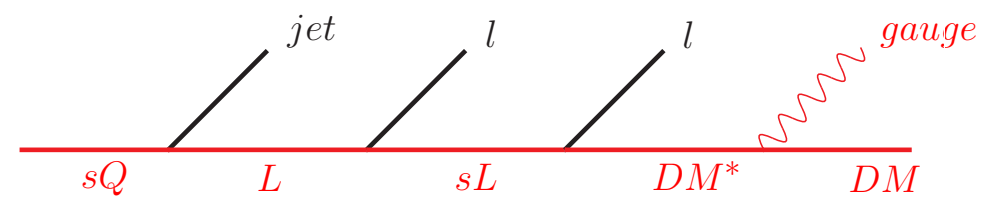
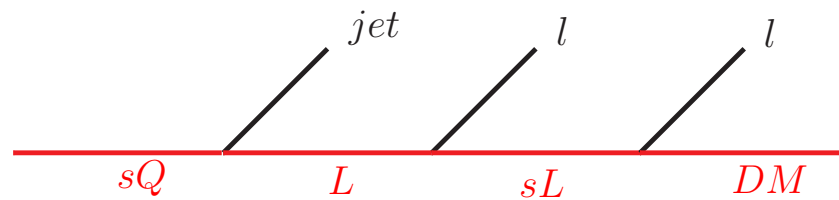
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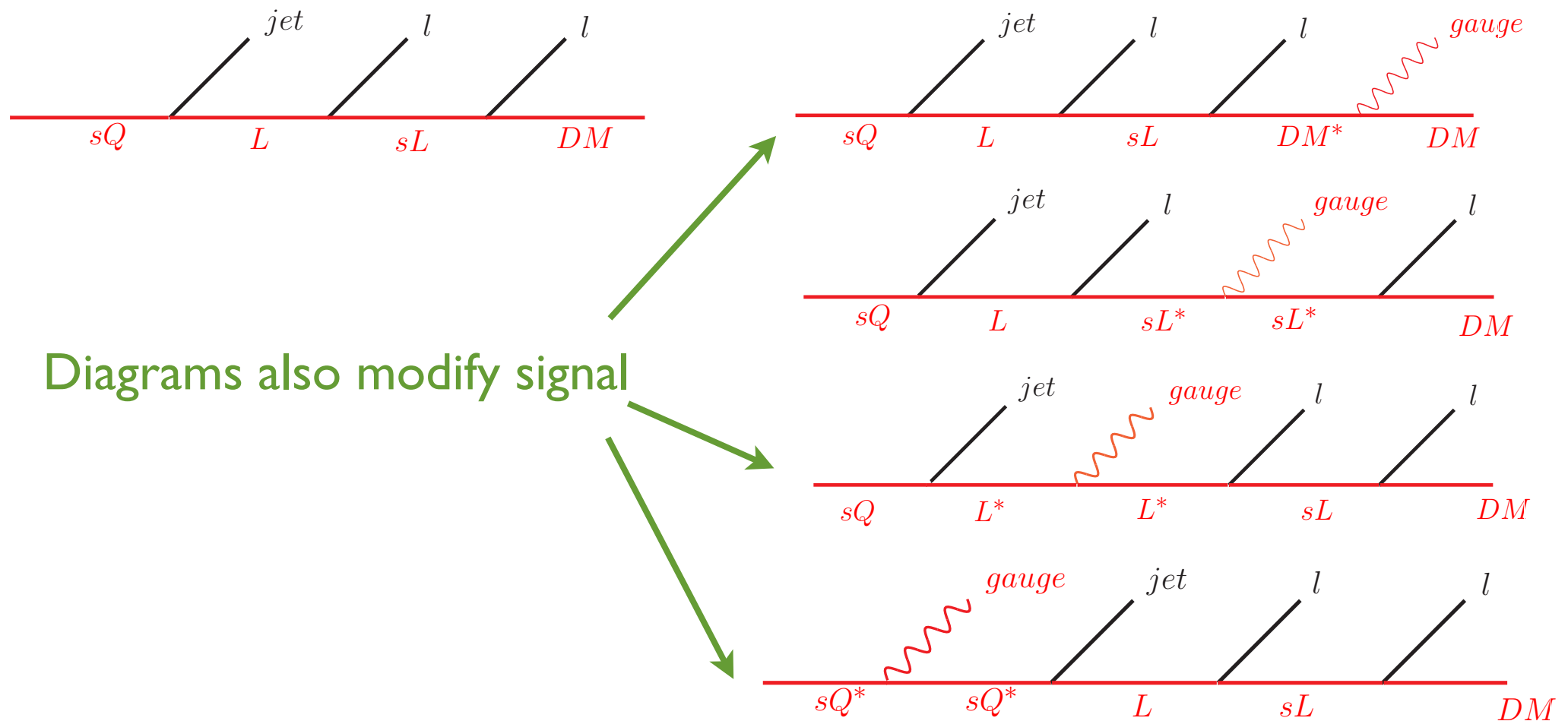
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- Acceptance and background cuts consistent with ATLAS and CMS:

$$\begin{aligned} |\eta_l| < 2.5, & \quad |\eta_j| < 2.5, \\ \Delta R_{ll} > 0.3, & \quad \Delta R_{lj}, \Delta R_{jj} > 0.4. \end{aligned}$$

1. Two leptons with  $p_T > 20$  GeV
2. At least one leading jet with  $p_T > 100$  GeV and subleading jets with  $p_T > 50$  GeV
3.  $\cancel{E}_T > 100$  GeV and  $\cancel{E}_T > 0.2 M_{\text{eff}}$
4. Transverse sphericity  $S_T > 0.2$ .

- Detector effects: Simple gaussian smearing

$$\frac{\Delta E_e}{E_e} = \frac{10\%}{\sqrt{E_e(\text{GeV})}} \oplus 0.7\%, \quad \frac{\Delta E_j}{E_j} = \frac{50\%}{\sqrt{E_j(\text{GeV})}} \oplus 3\%.$$

# Backgrounds

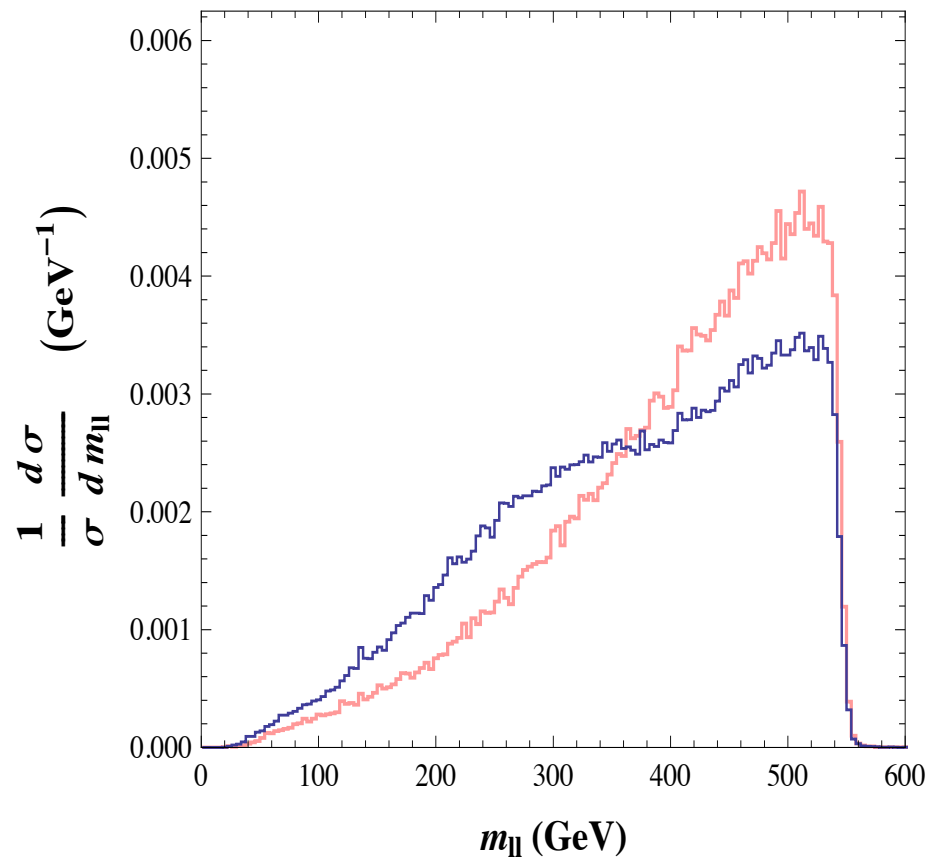
(in one transparency)

Background	Events ( $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
$t\bar{t}$	81.5
$W + \text{jets}$	1.97
$Z + \text{jets}$	1.20
QCD	0
Total SM	84.67

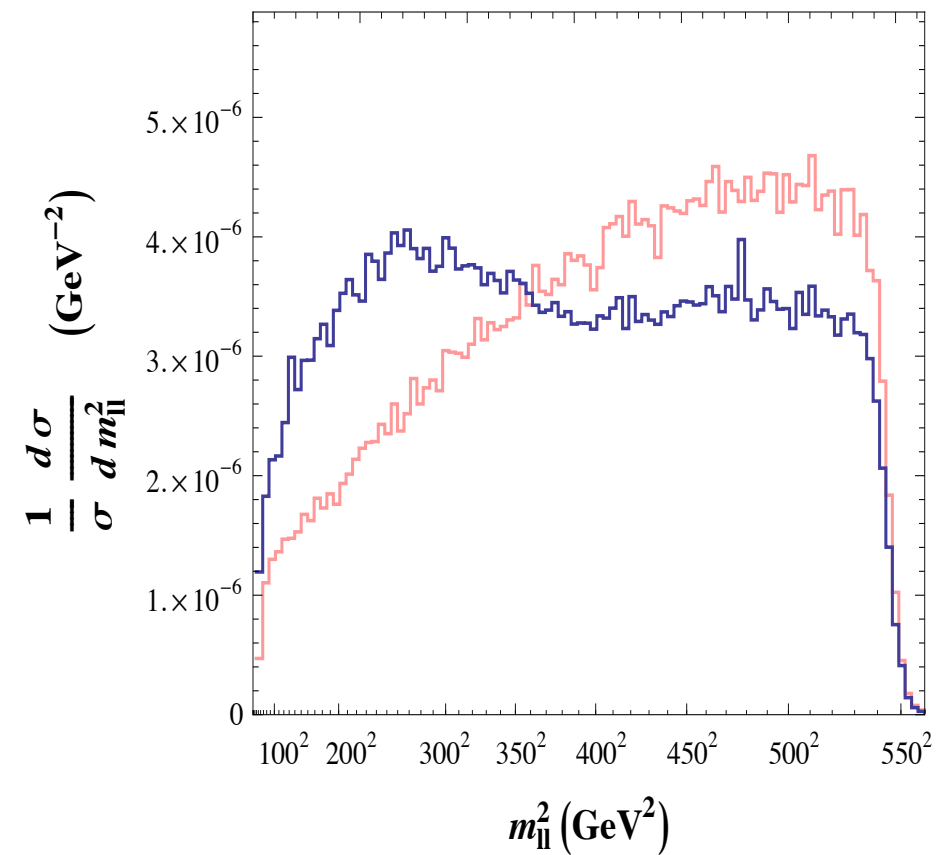
- Additional signal background:  
Invisible Z decays

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- Dilepton invariant mass  
(with additional diagrams and cuts)



$$S/B = 0.08$$

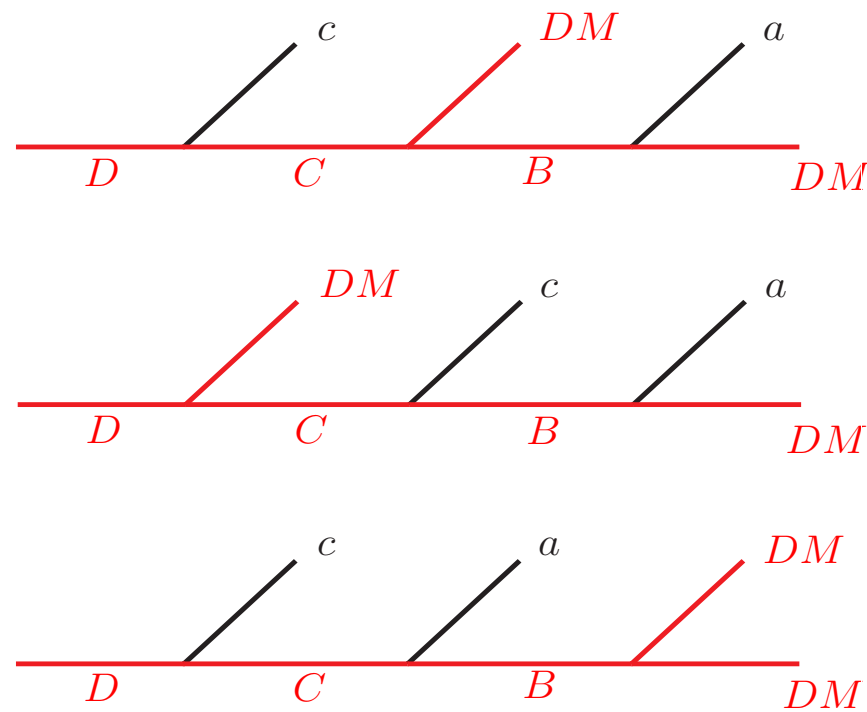


$$S/\sqrt{B} = 18.6$$

# Part II: Topologies and MT2 Reconstruction

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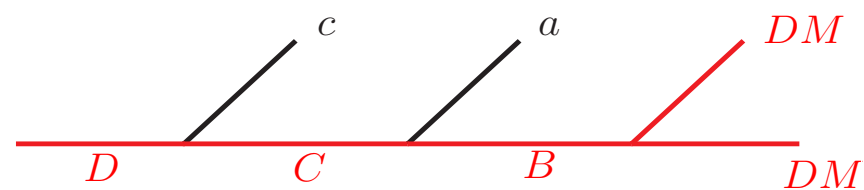
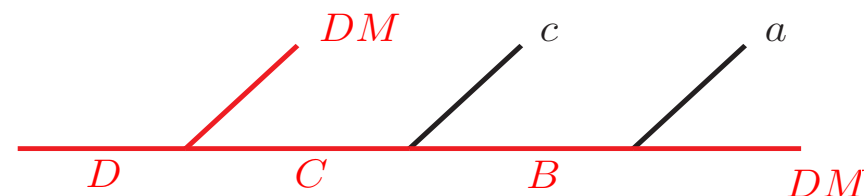
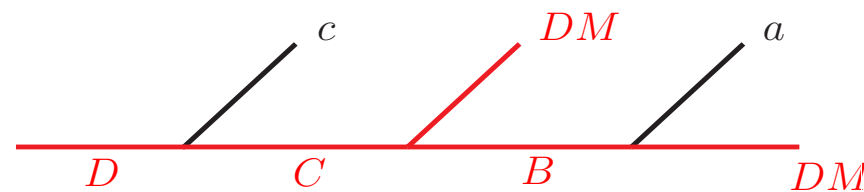
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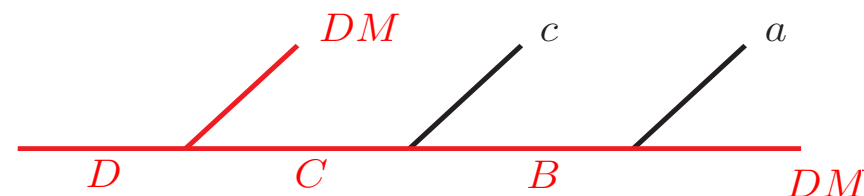
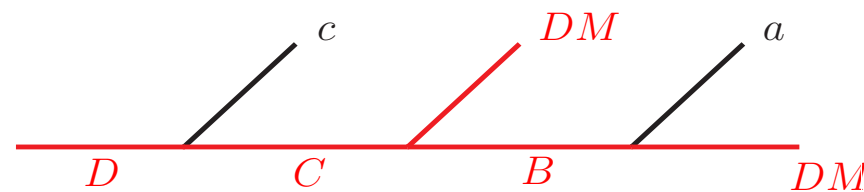
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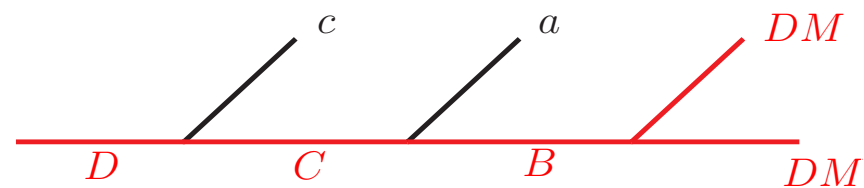
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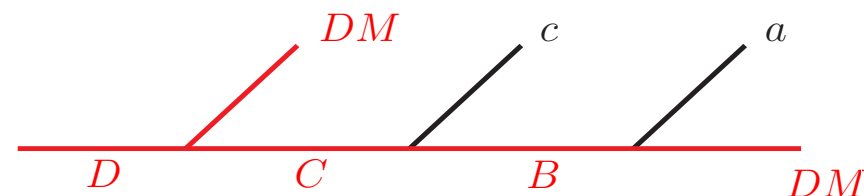
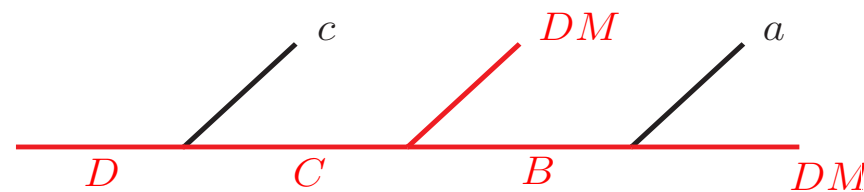
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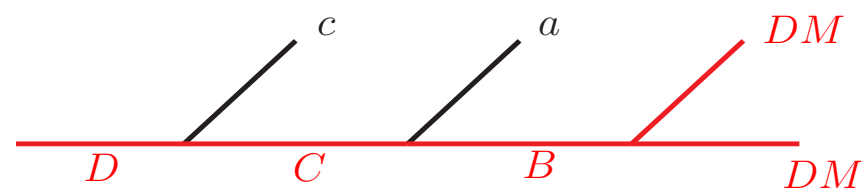
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- Emphasize: Models with “non-parity” stabilization symmetries can have more than one DM per leg. Use MT2 to tell the difference.



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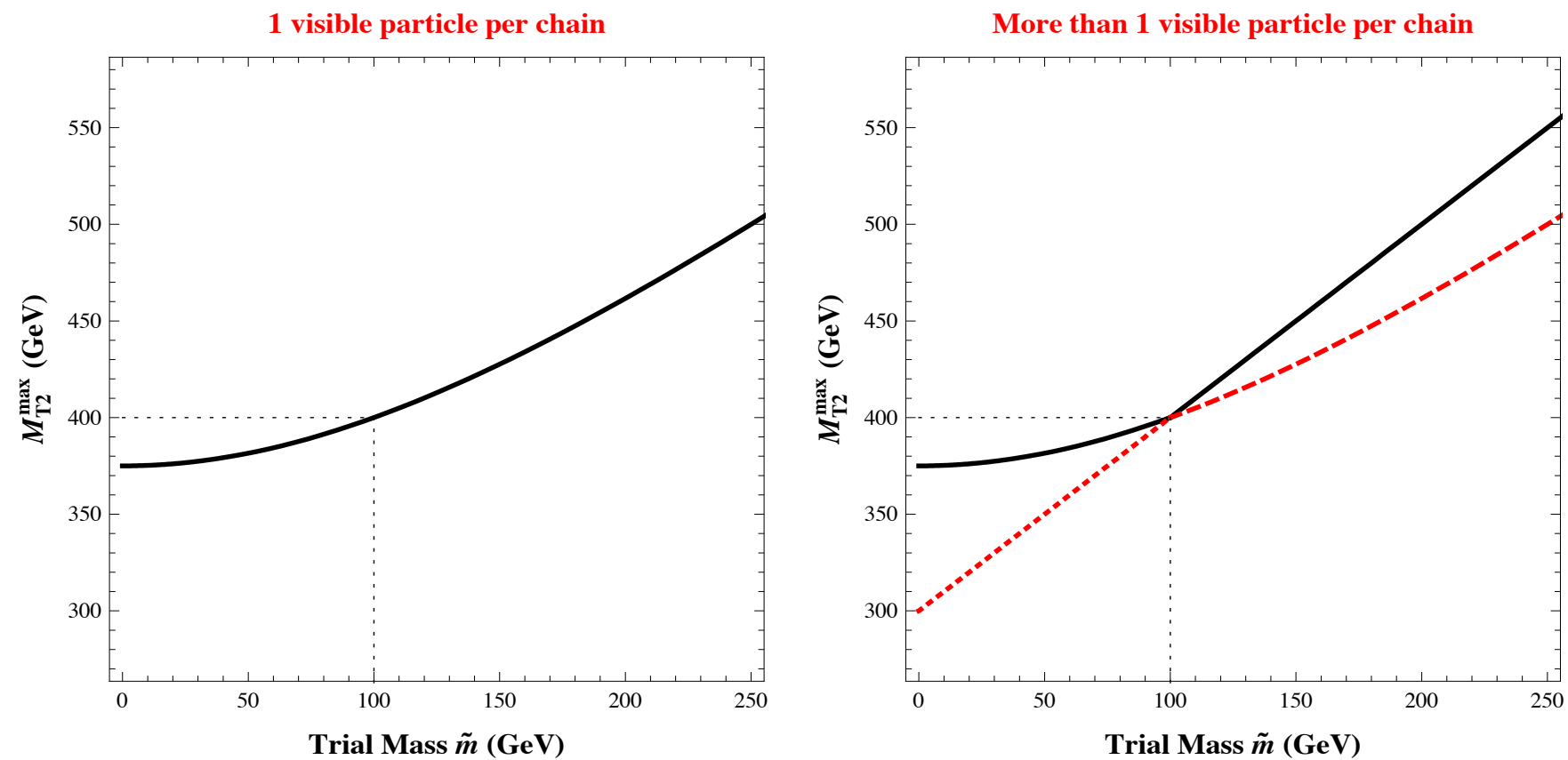
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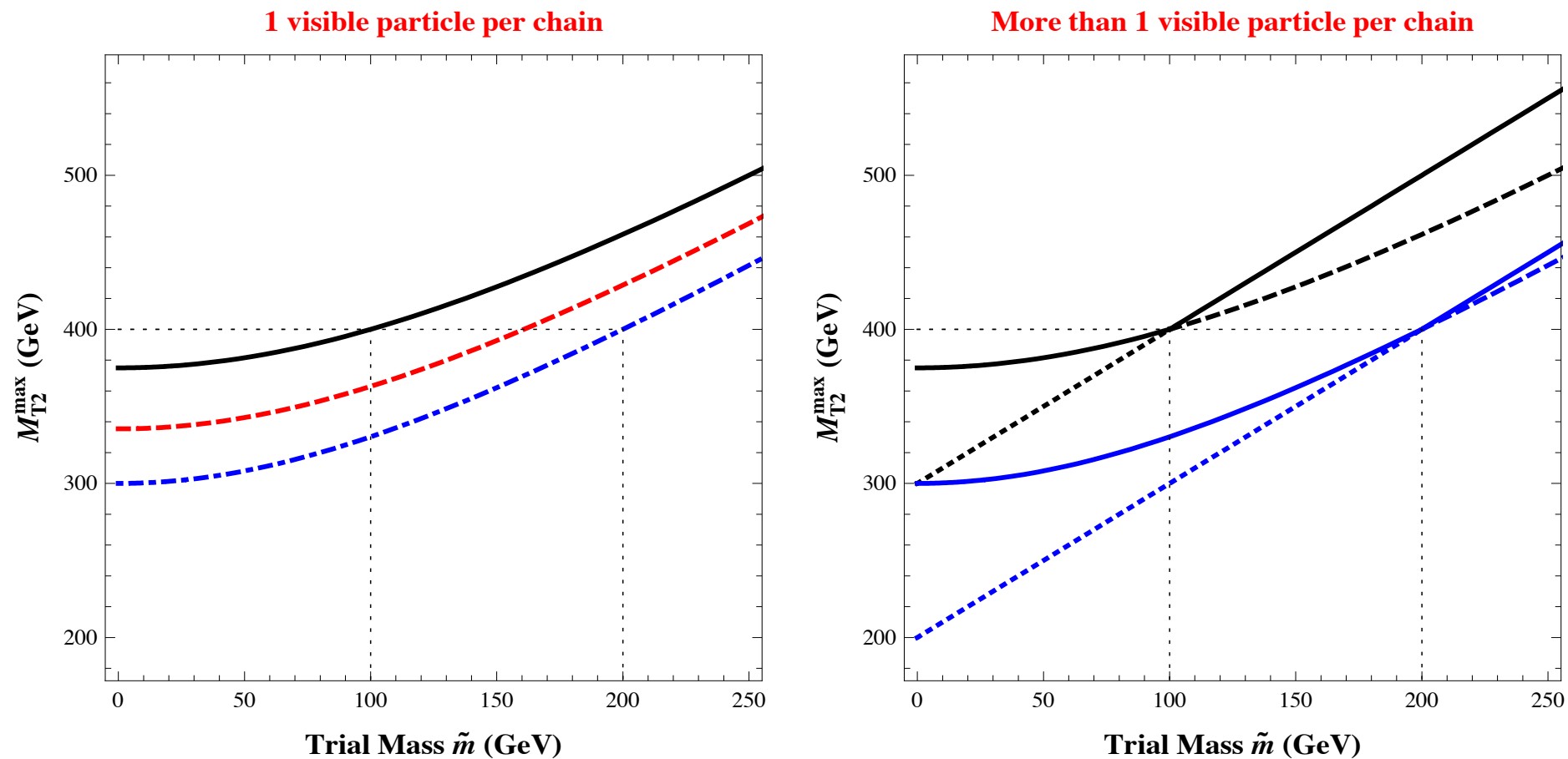
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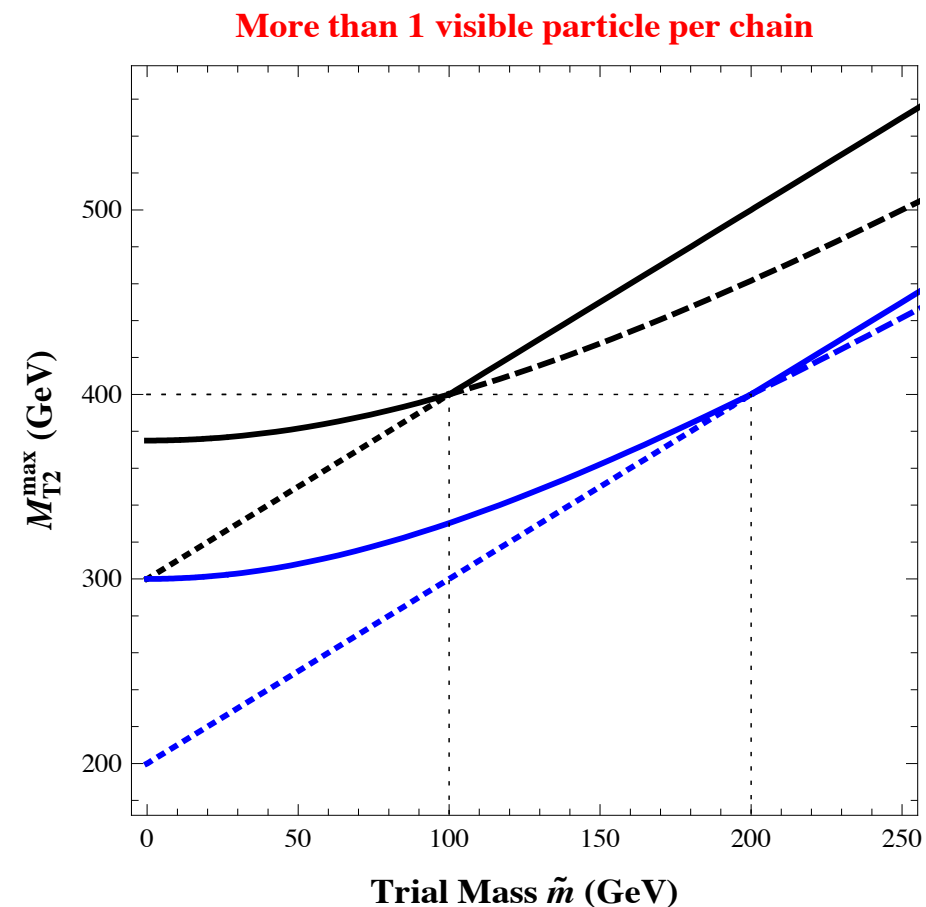
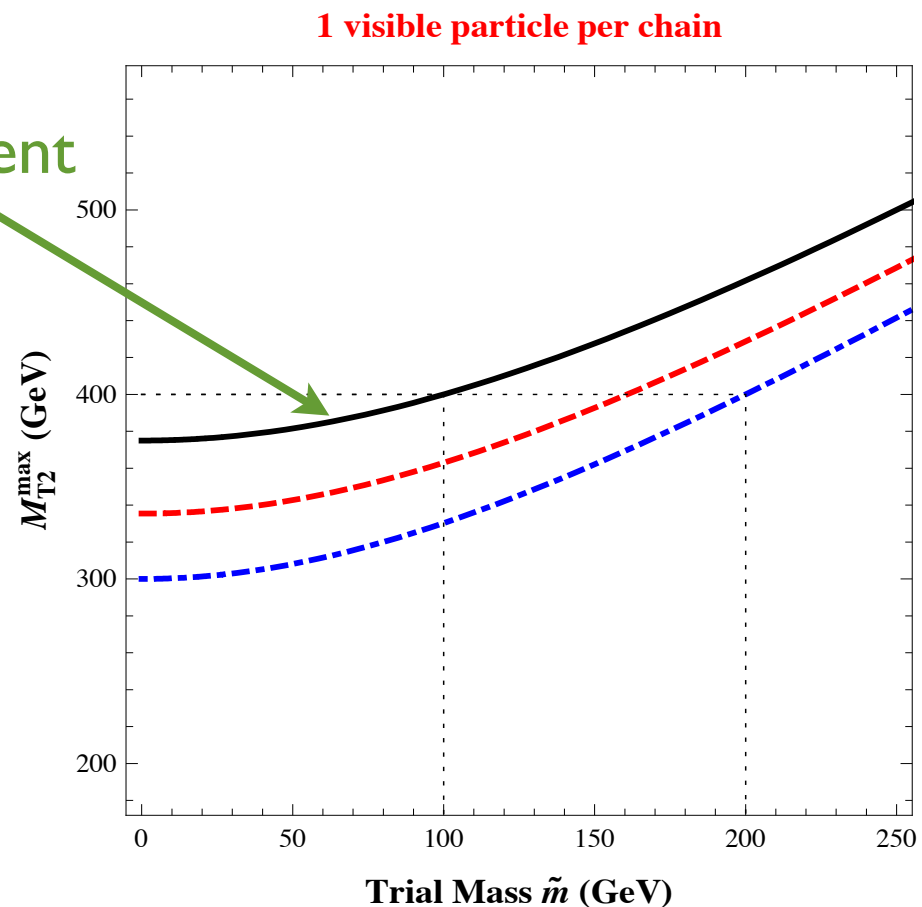
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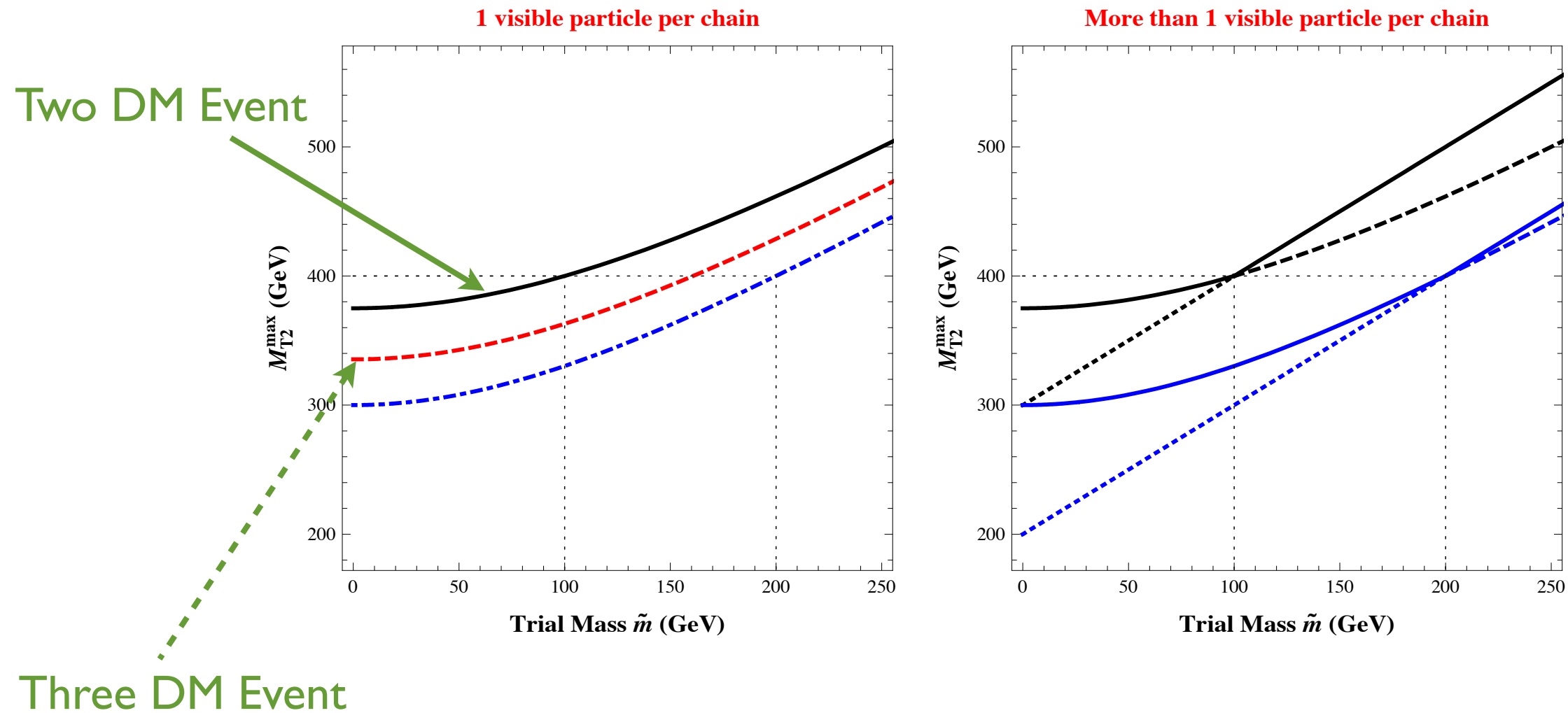


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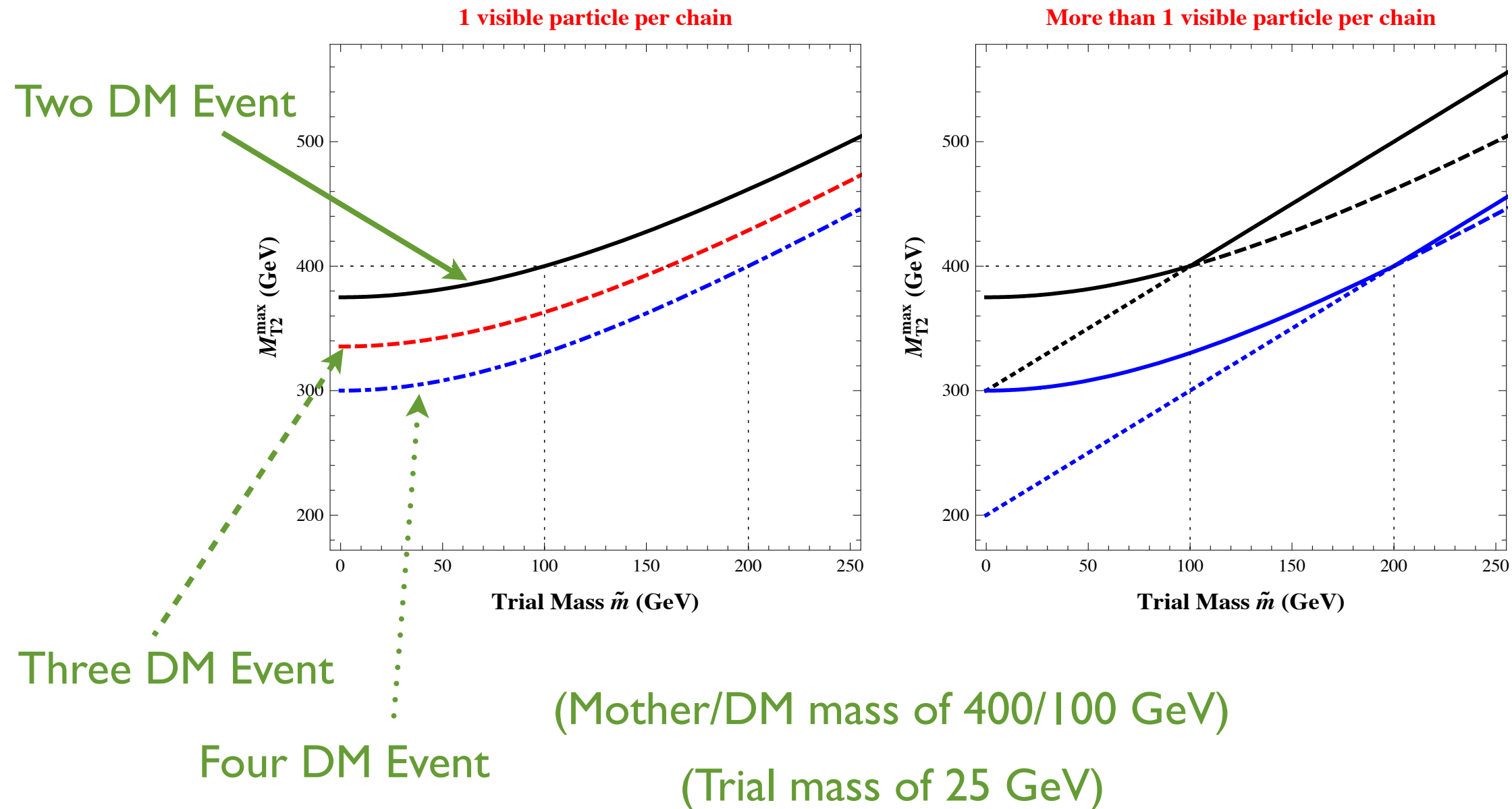


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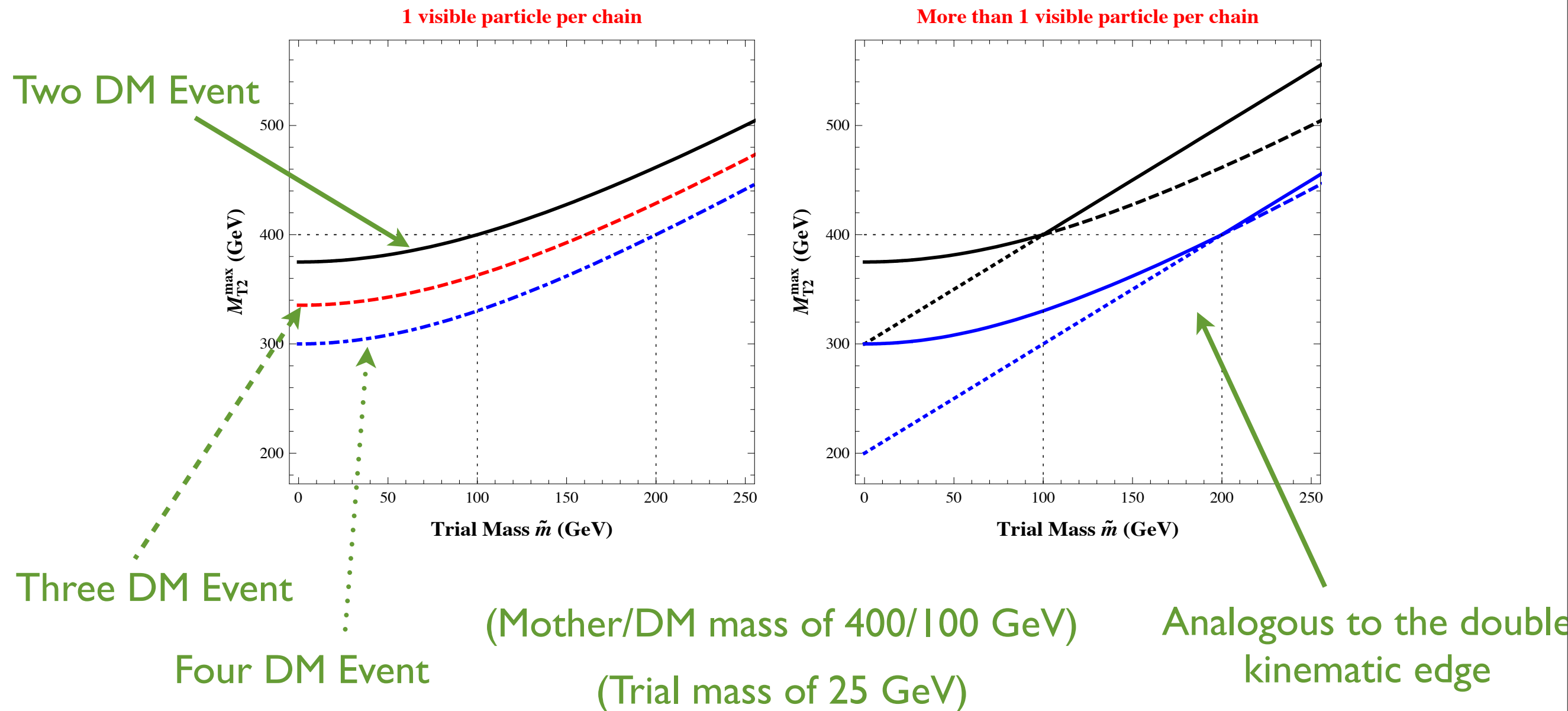
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- Highly dependent on properly reconstructing events. (Address this in the future).

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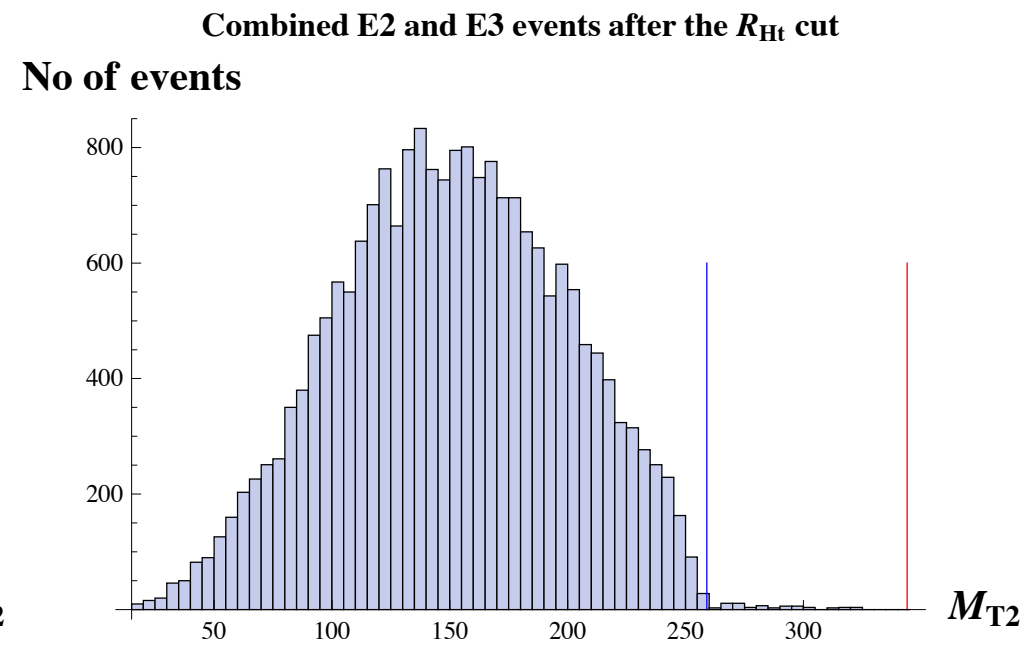
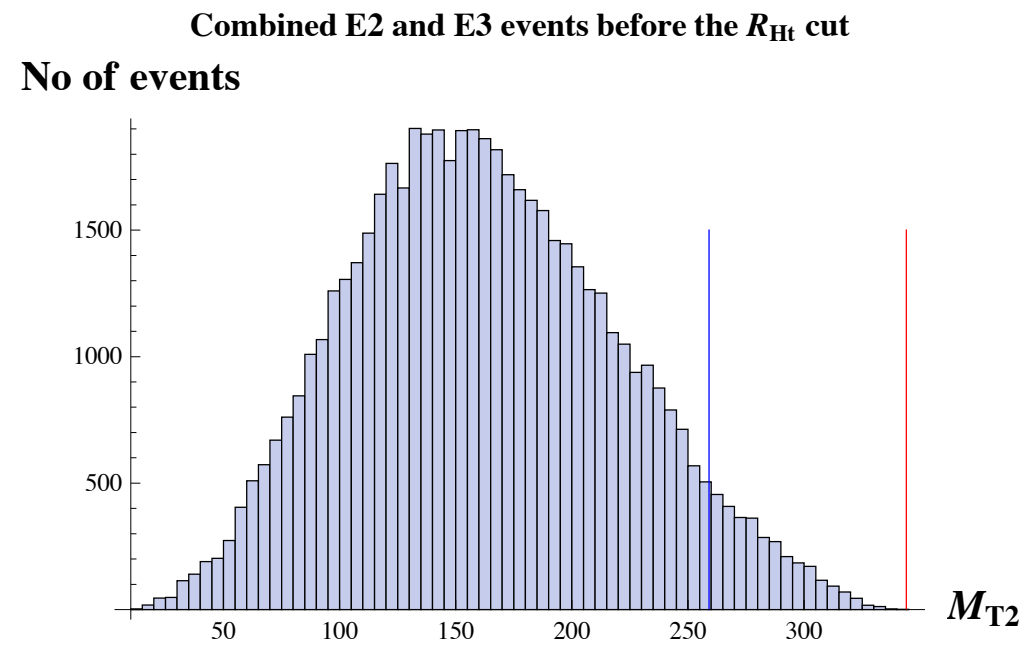
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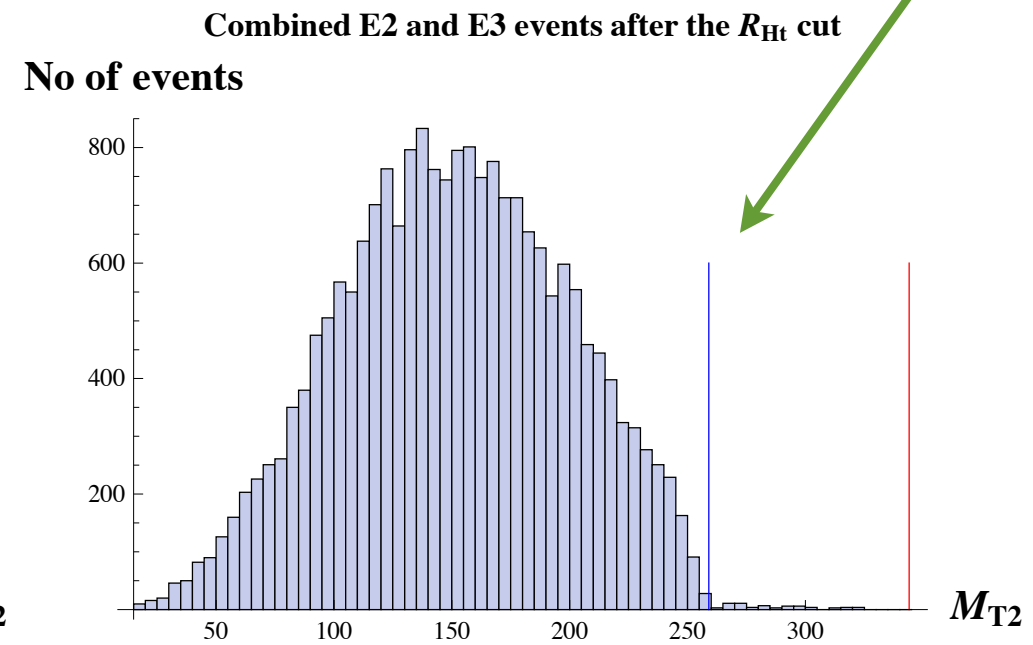
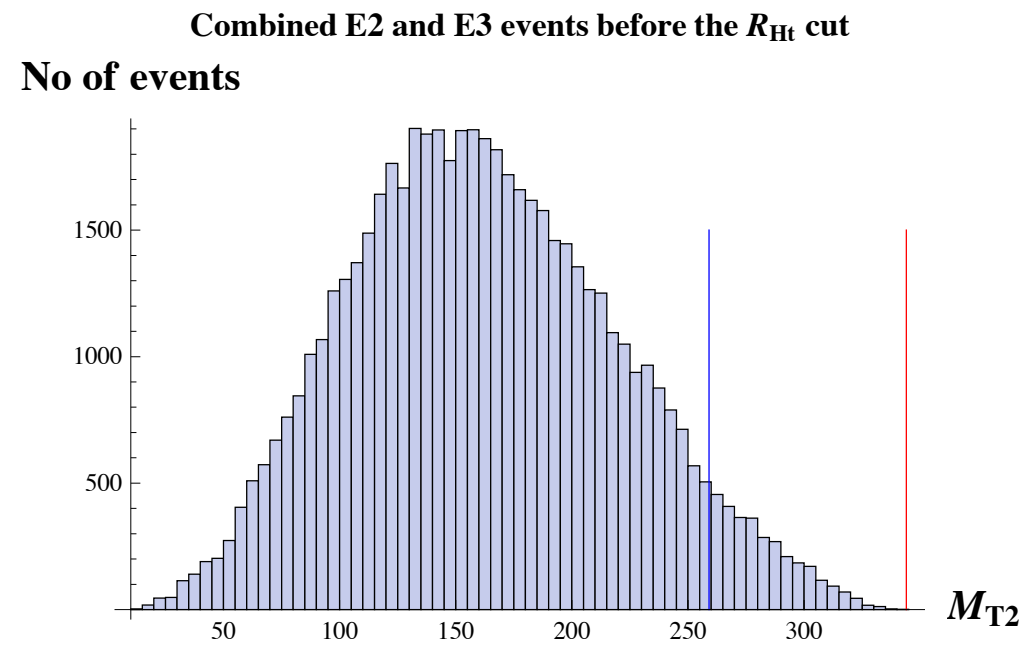


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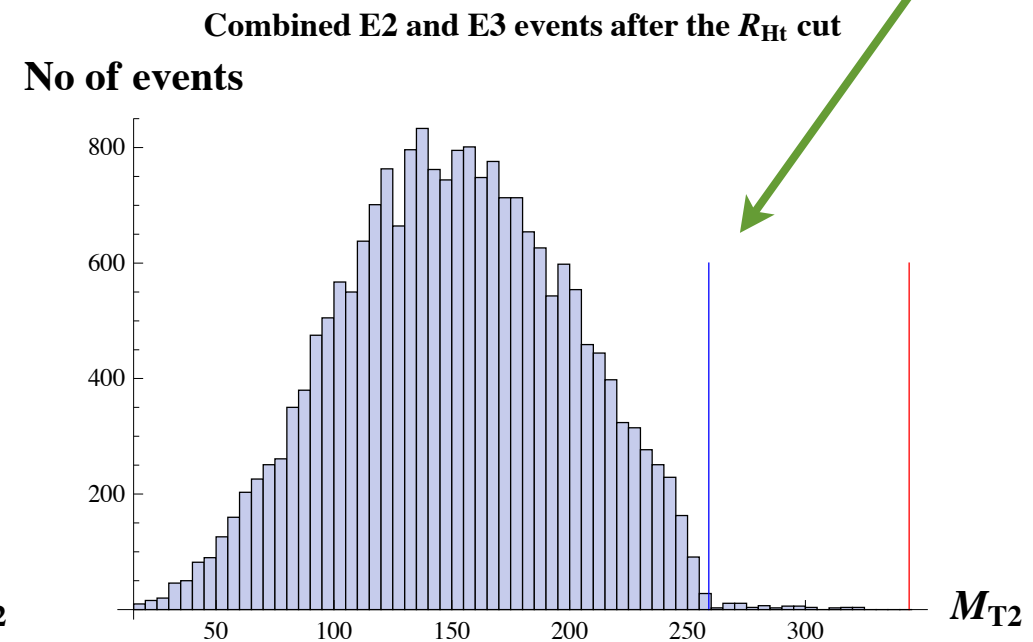
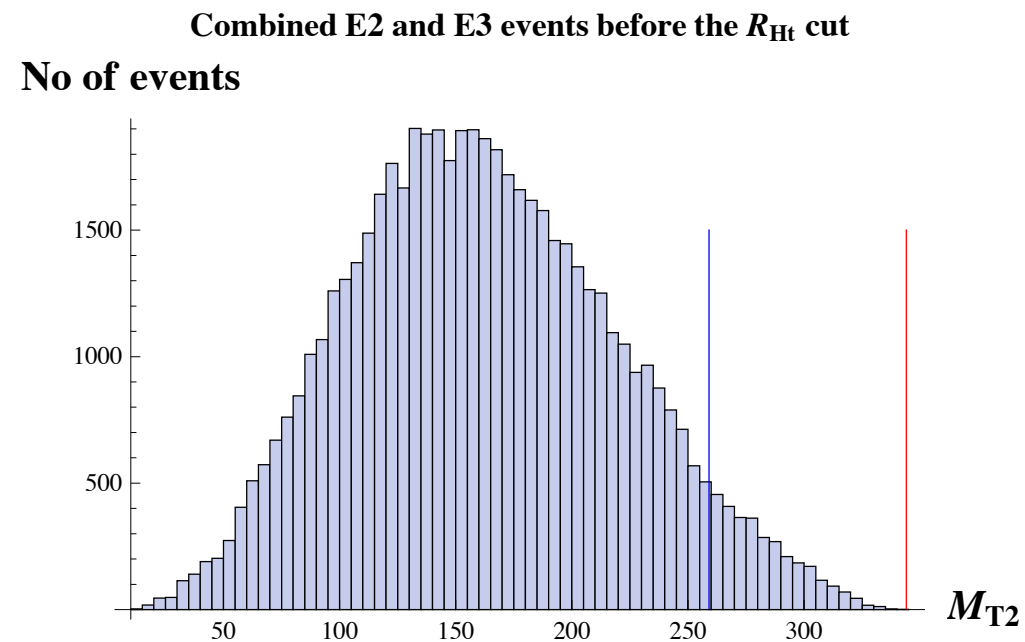


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# Part III: Signatures with Metastable Particles

# What is a Meta-Stable Particle?

- Do not decay in the LHC's detectors.
- Charged under the SM and dark matter stabilization symmetry.
- Lifetime consistent with known bounds.\*

\* Perl, Kim Halyo, Lee, Lee, Lomboa and Lackner,  
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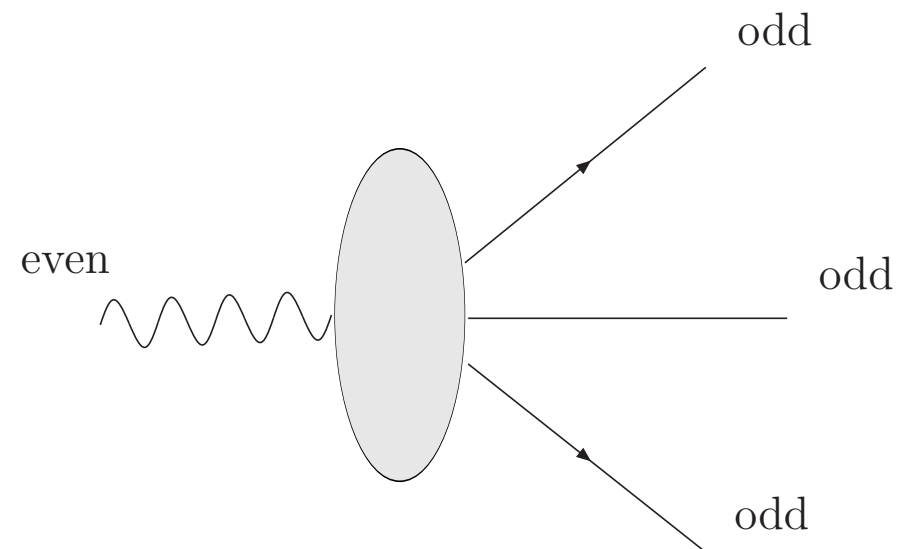
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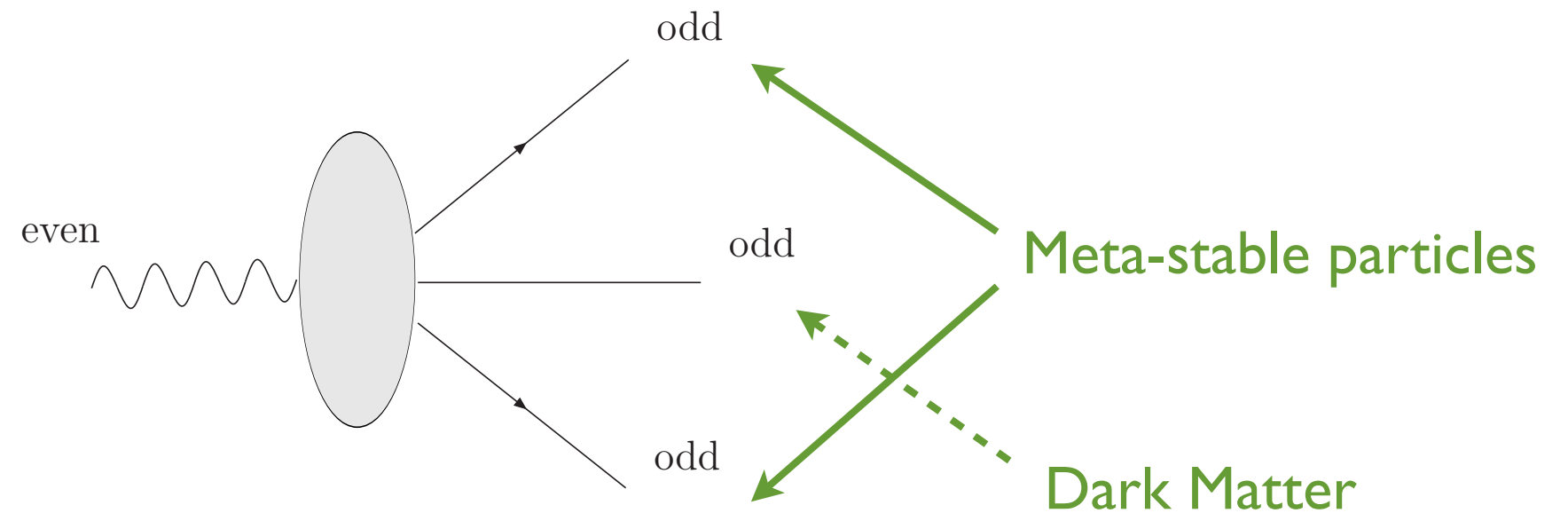
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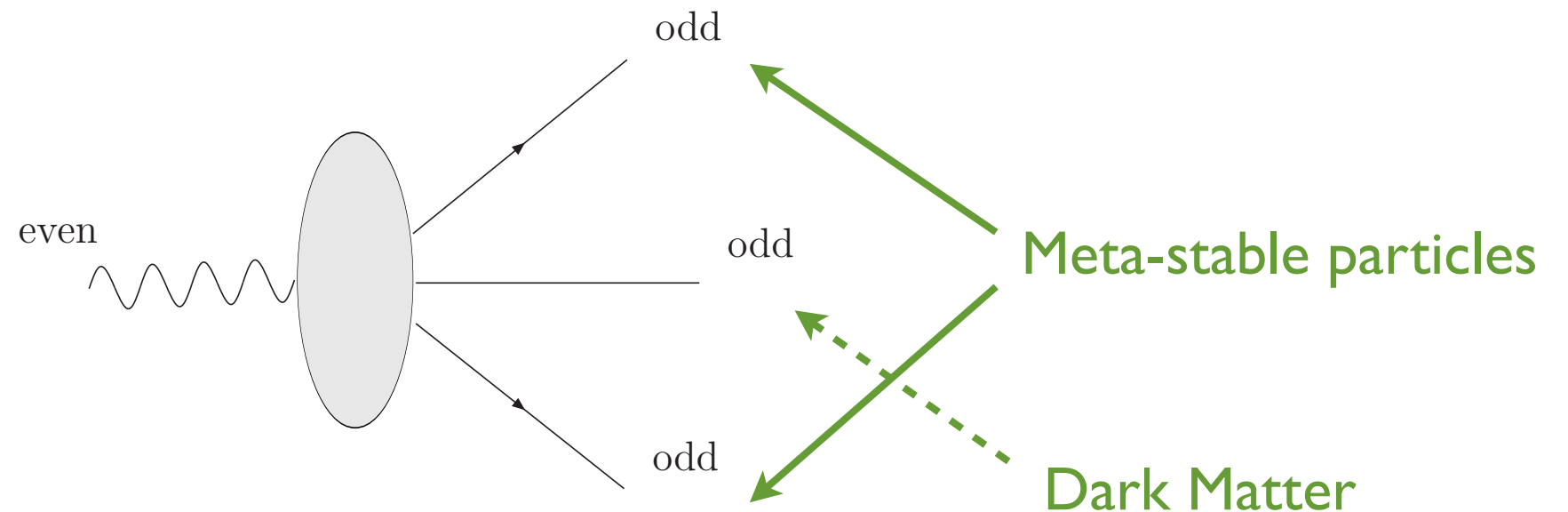
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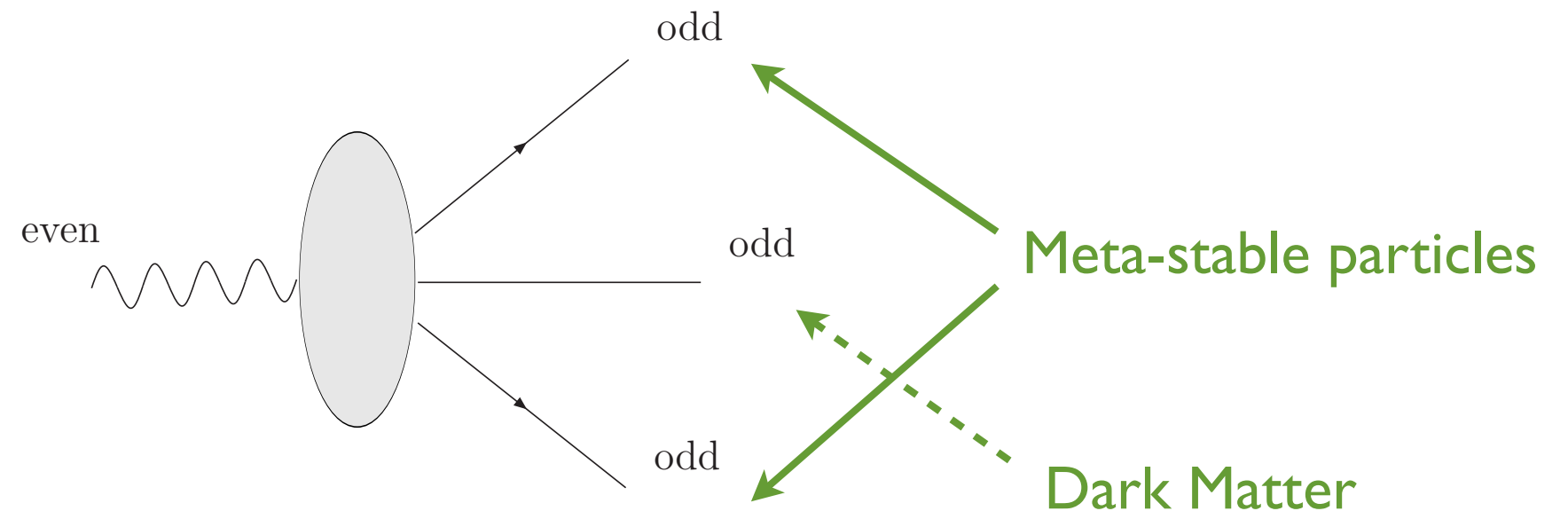


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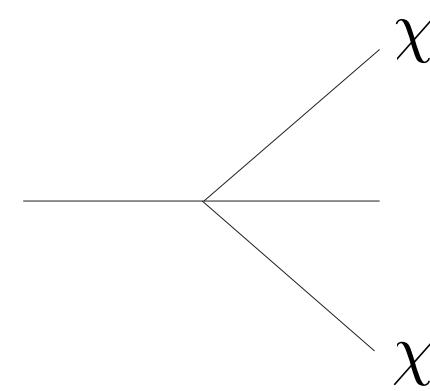
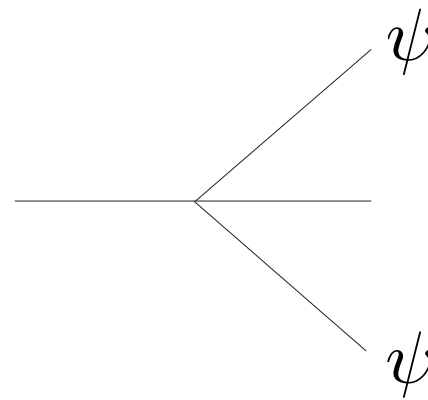
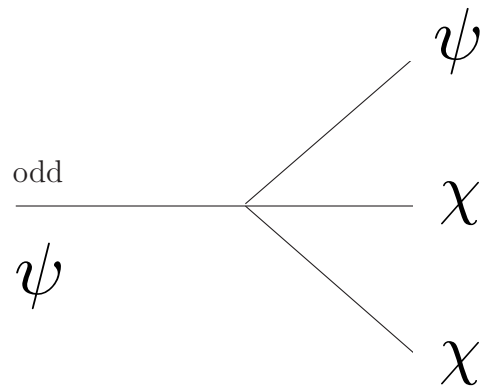
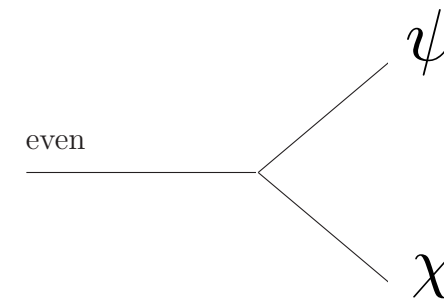
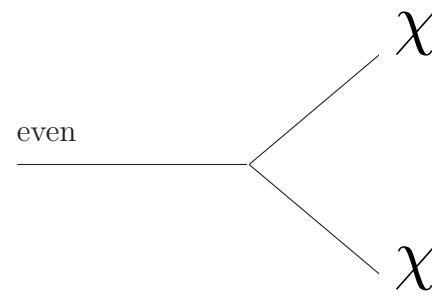
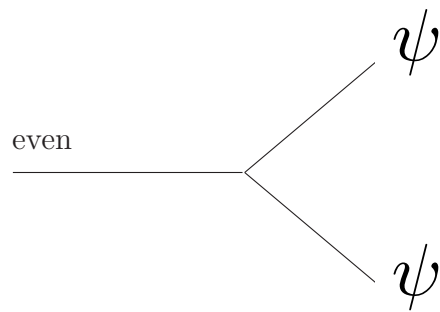
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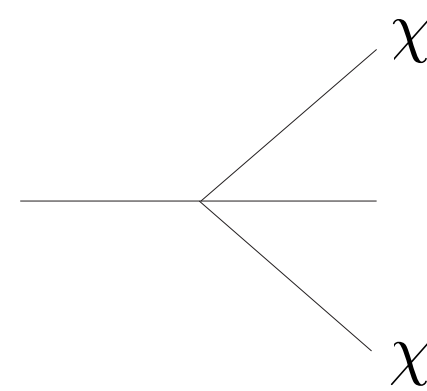
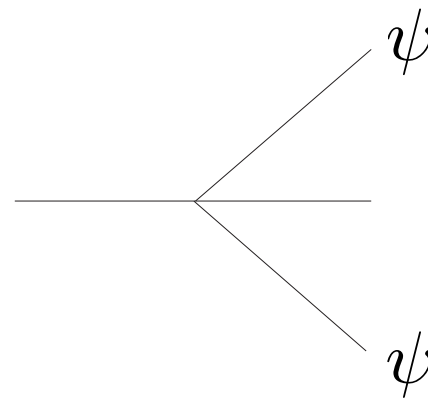
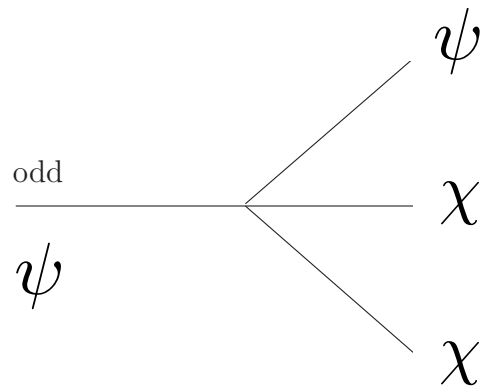
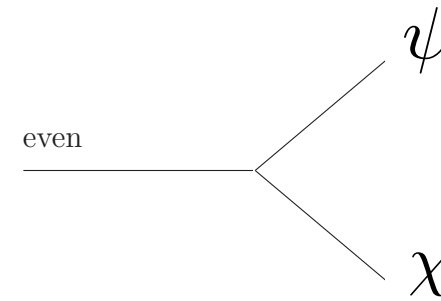
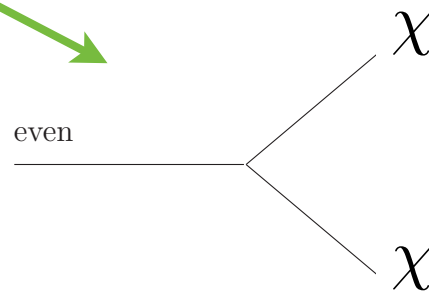
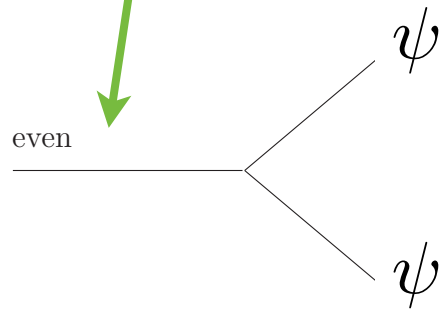


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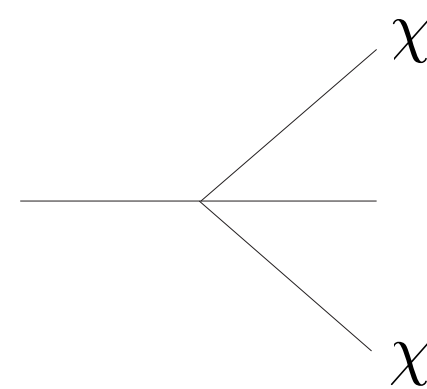
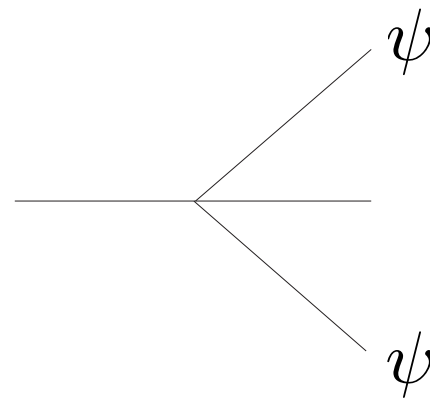
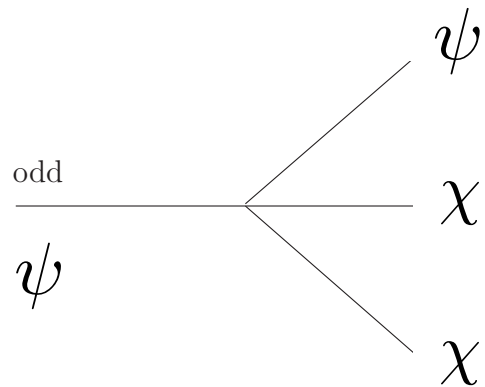
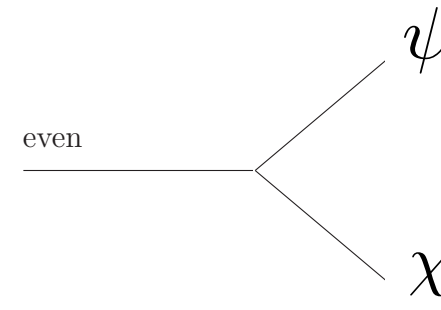
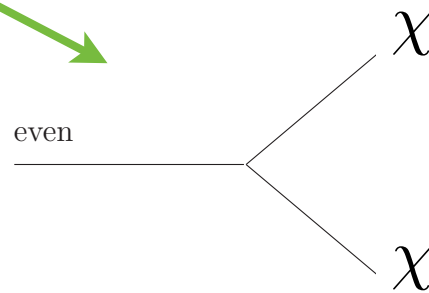
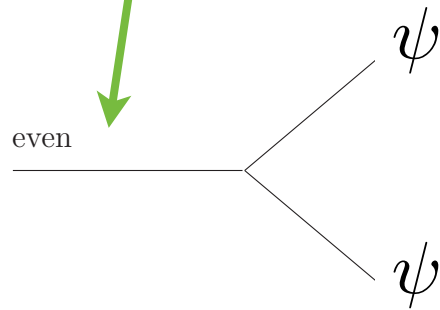
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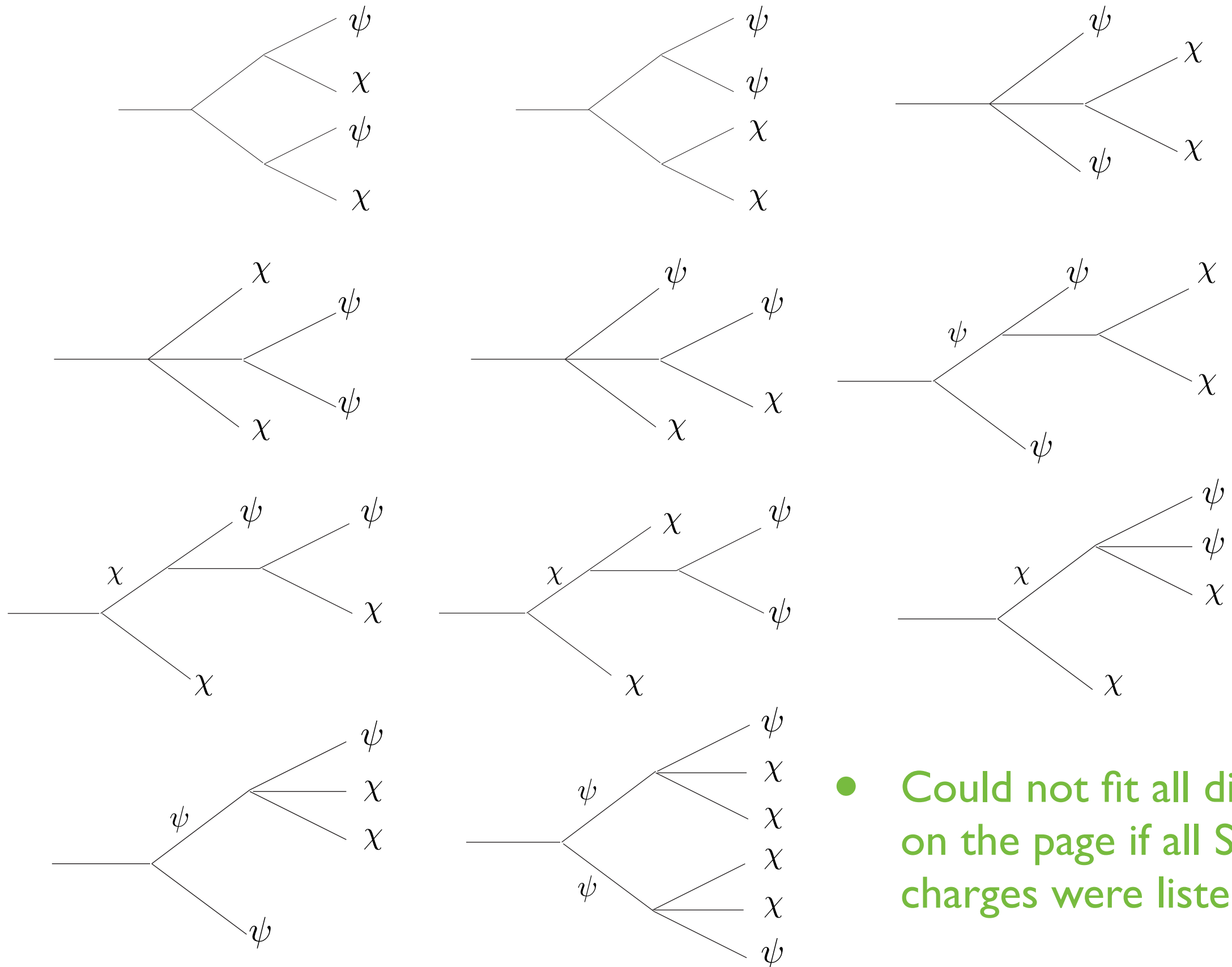
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DM particles

# All Possible Four Body States

(that generate two meta-stable particles + missing energy)

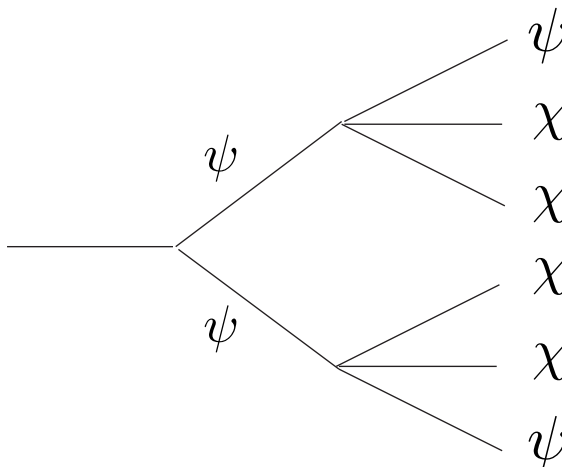
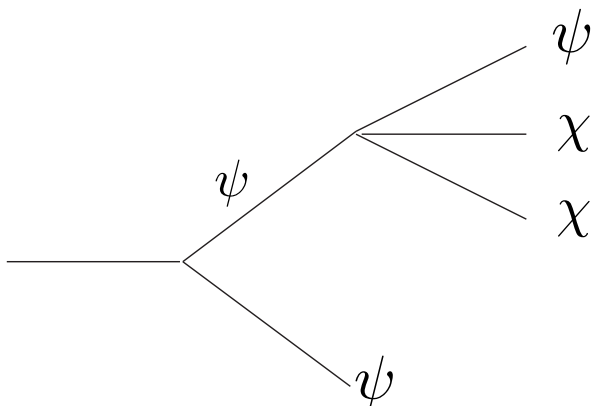
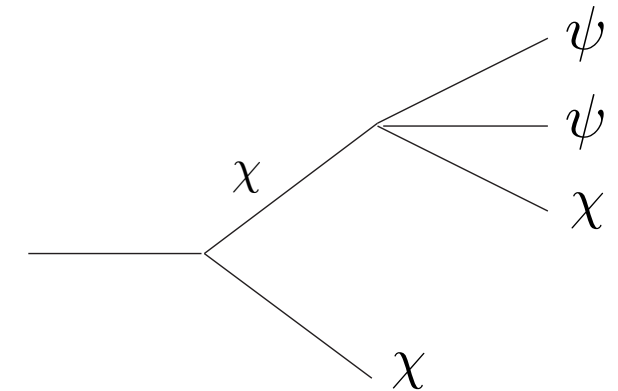
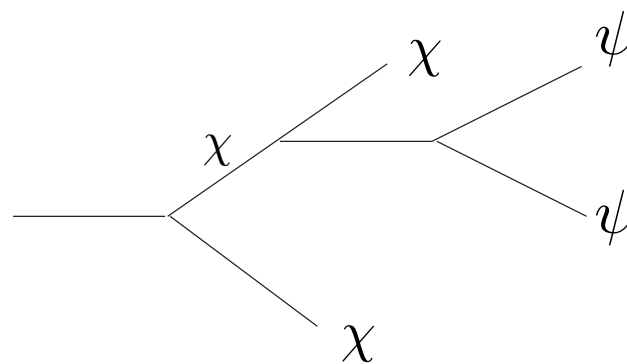
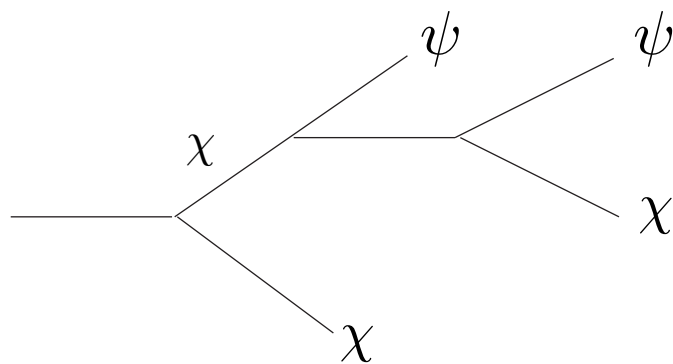
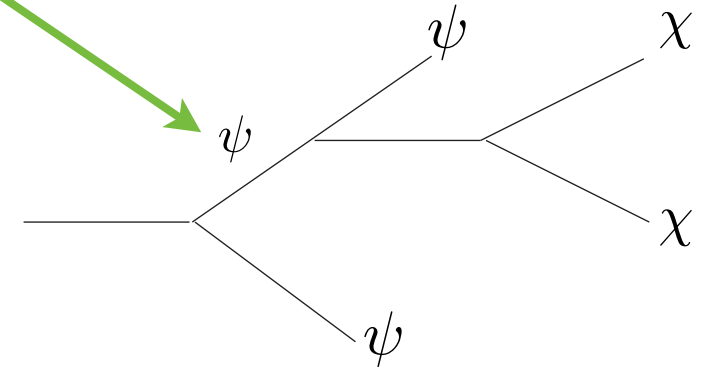
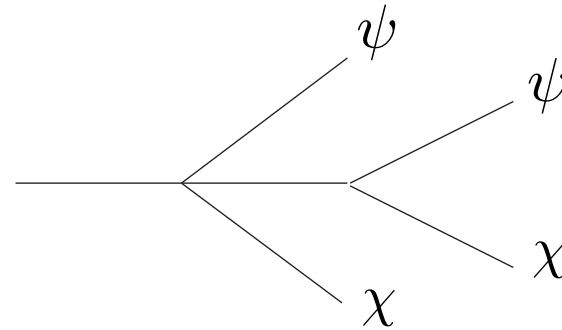
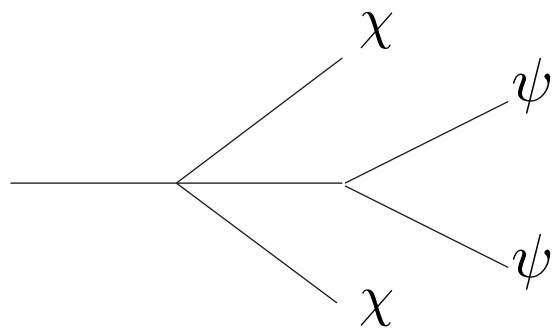
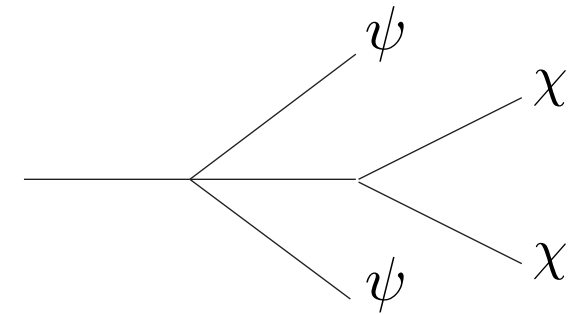


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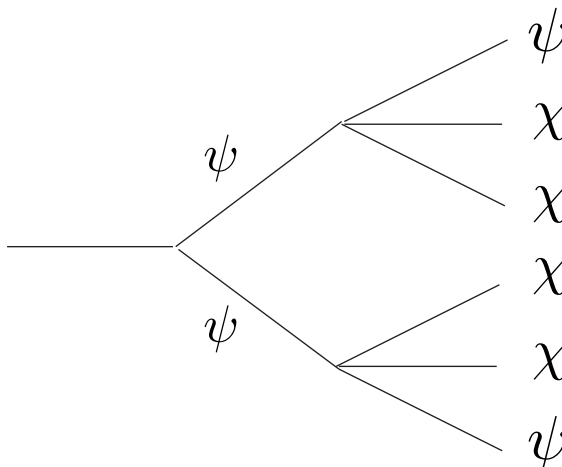
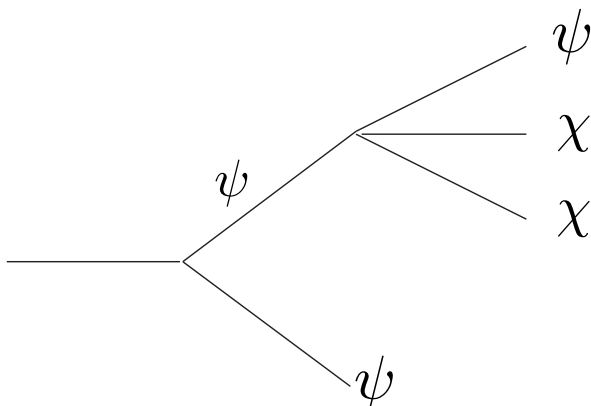
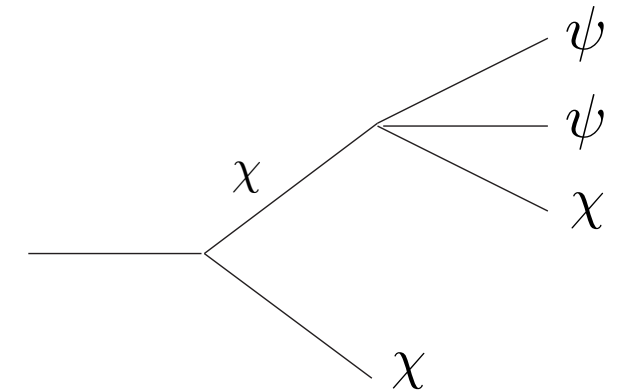
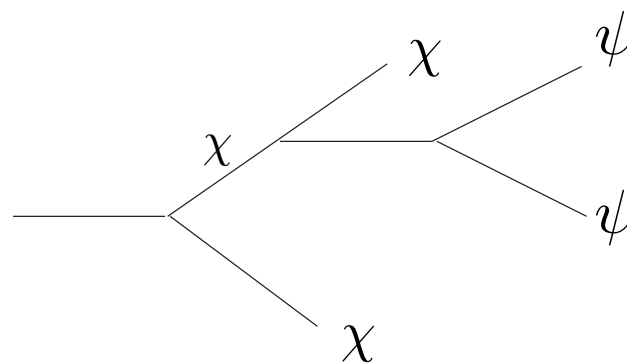
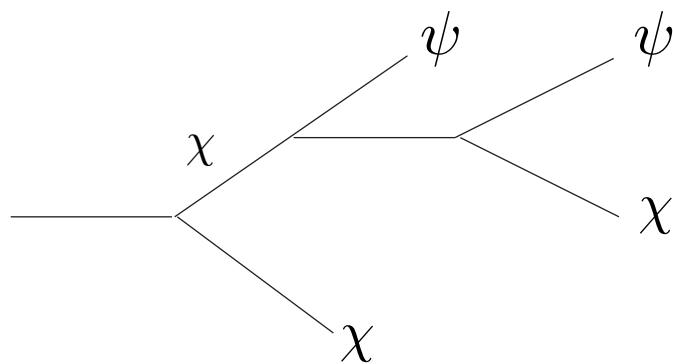
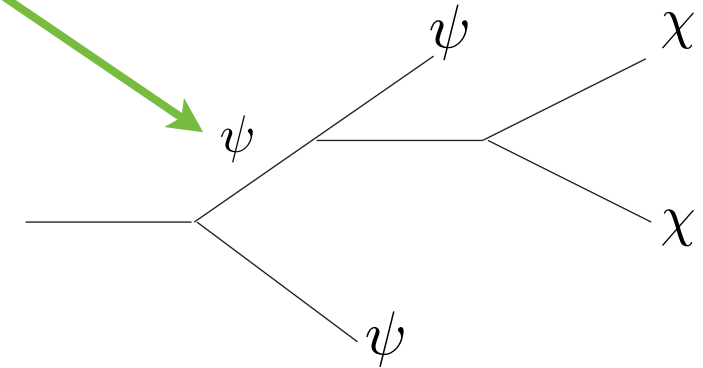
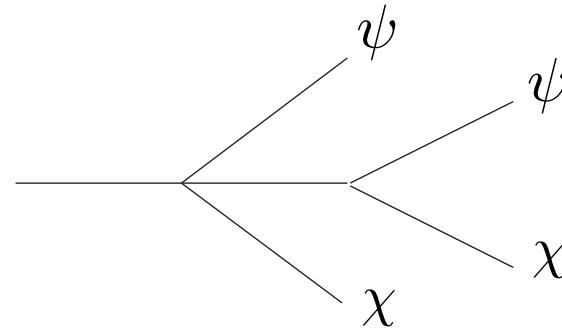
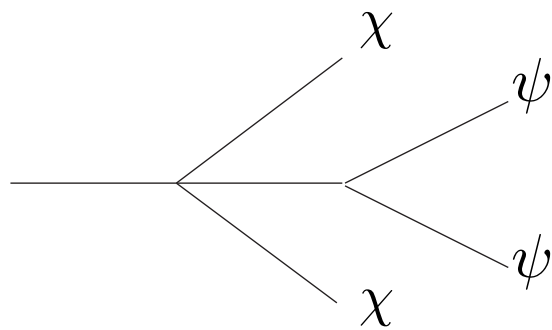
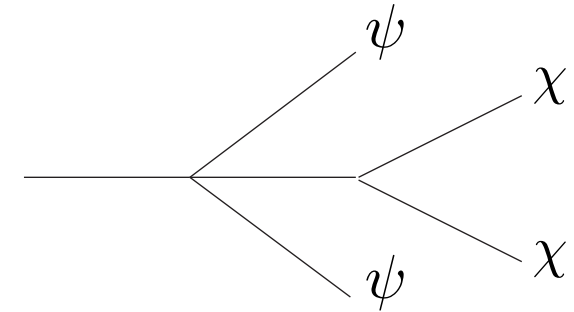
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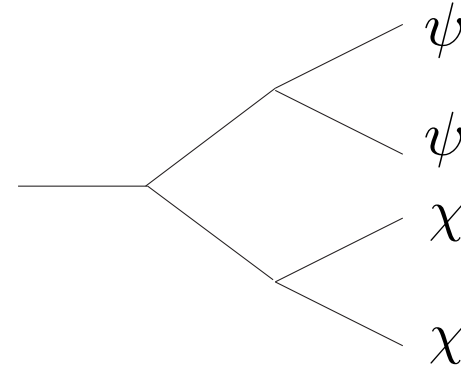
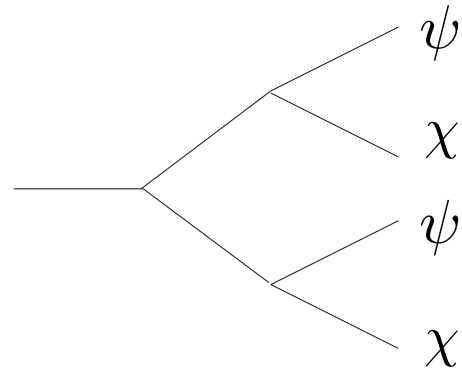
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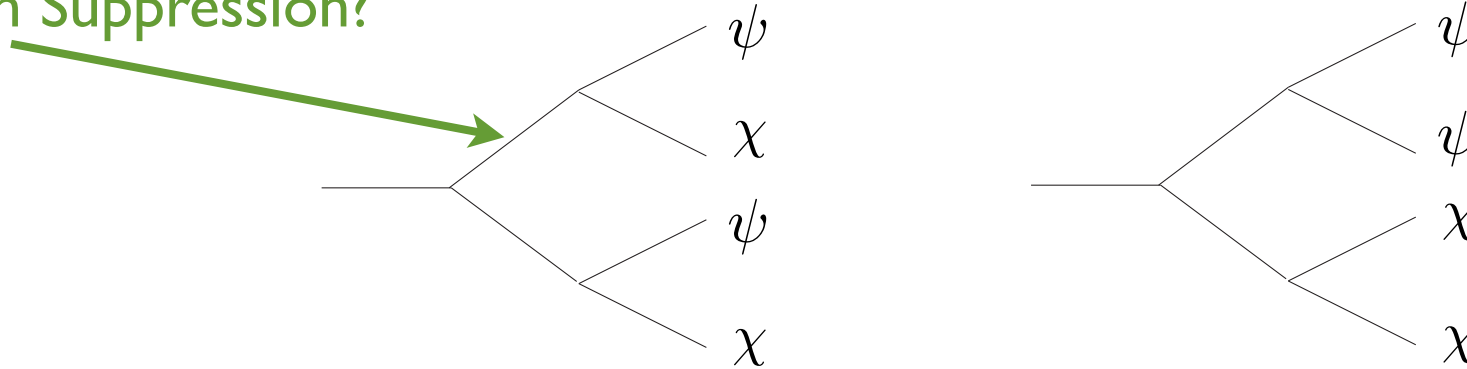
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- Constraints on the remaining diagrams?

# Remaining Diagrams?

Branching Fraction Suppression?



- An example: Virtual SM higgs particle. Decay rate

$$\Gamma_{h_0 \rightarrow \chi\chi \text{ scalar}} = \frac{\kappa_1^2 v_{ew}^2}{16\pi m_{h_0}} \sqrt{1 - 4m_\chi^2/m_{h_0}^2}$$

$$\Gamma_{h_0 \rightarrow \chi\chi \text{ fermion}} = \frac{A \kappa_2^2 m_{h_0}}{32\pi} \left(1 - 4m_\chi^2/m_{h_0}^2\right)^{3/2}$$

1 TeV SM higgs branching fraction  $\sim \mathcal{O}(0.01)\%$   
350 GeV higgs branching  $\sim \mathcal{O}(1)\%$  (largest possible)



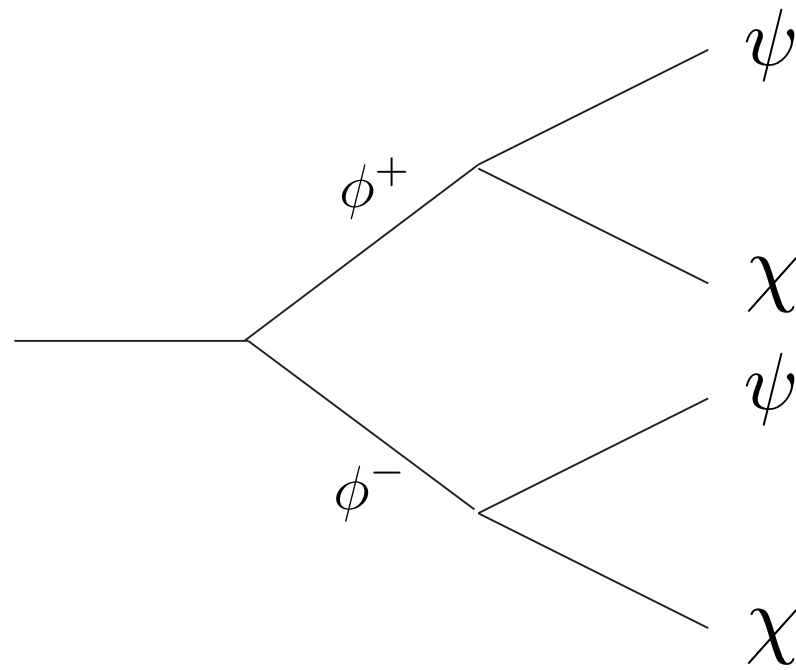
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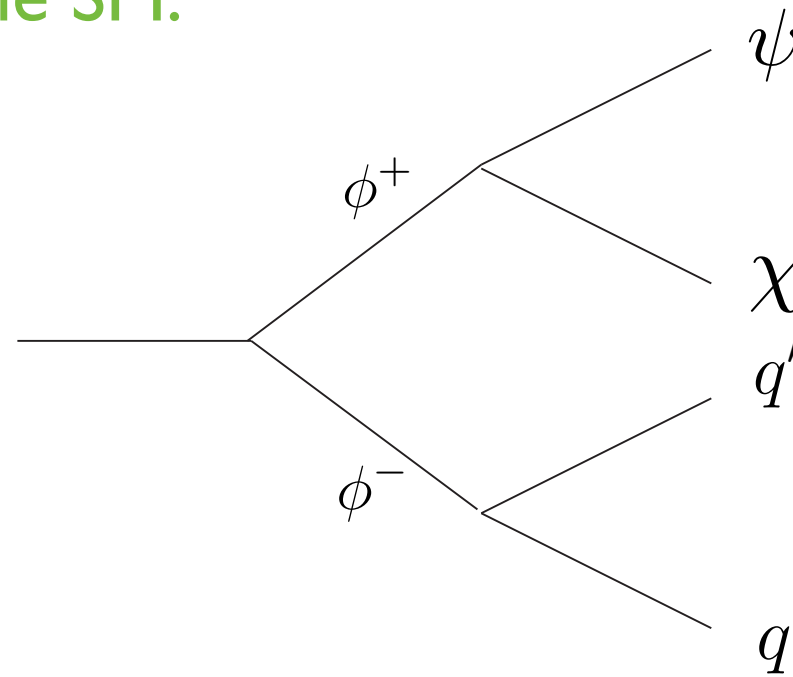
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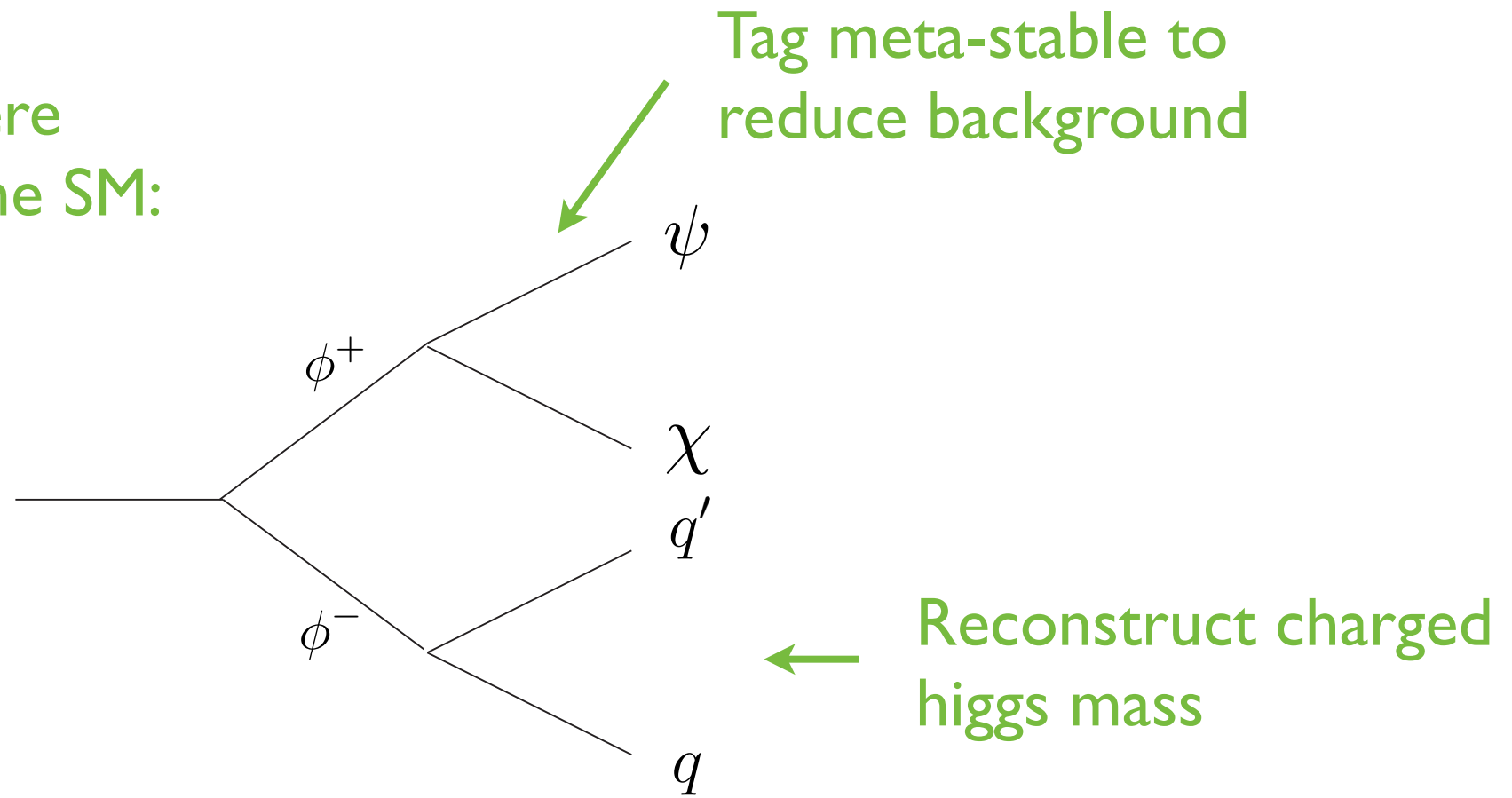
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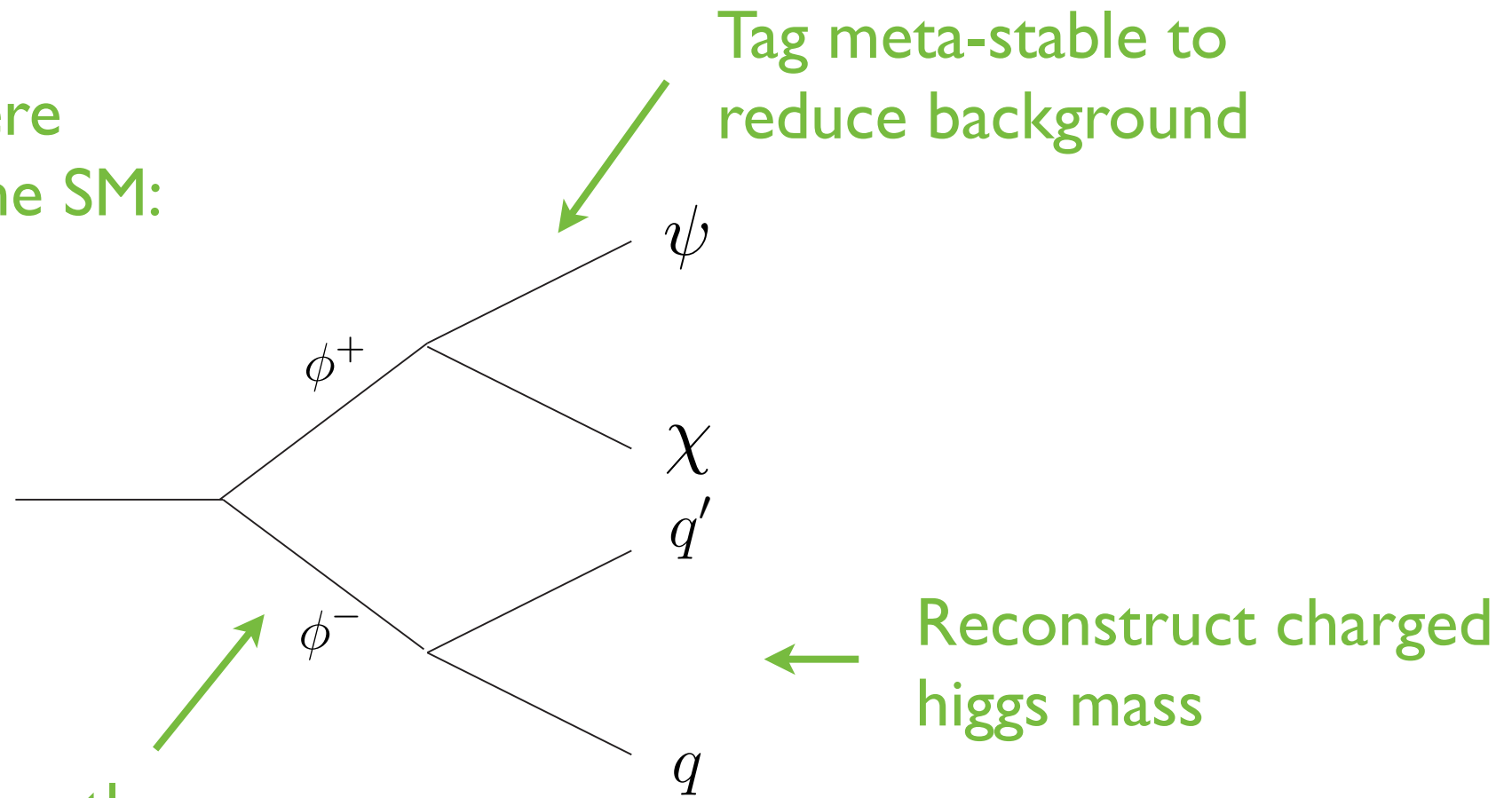
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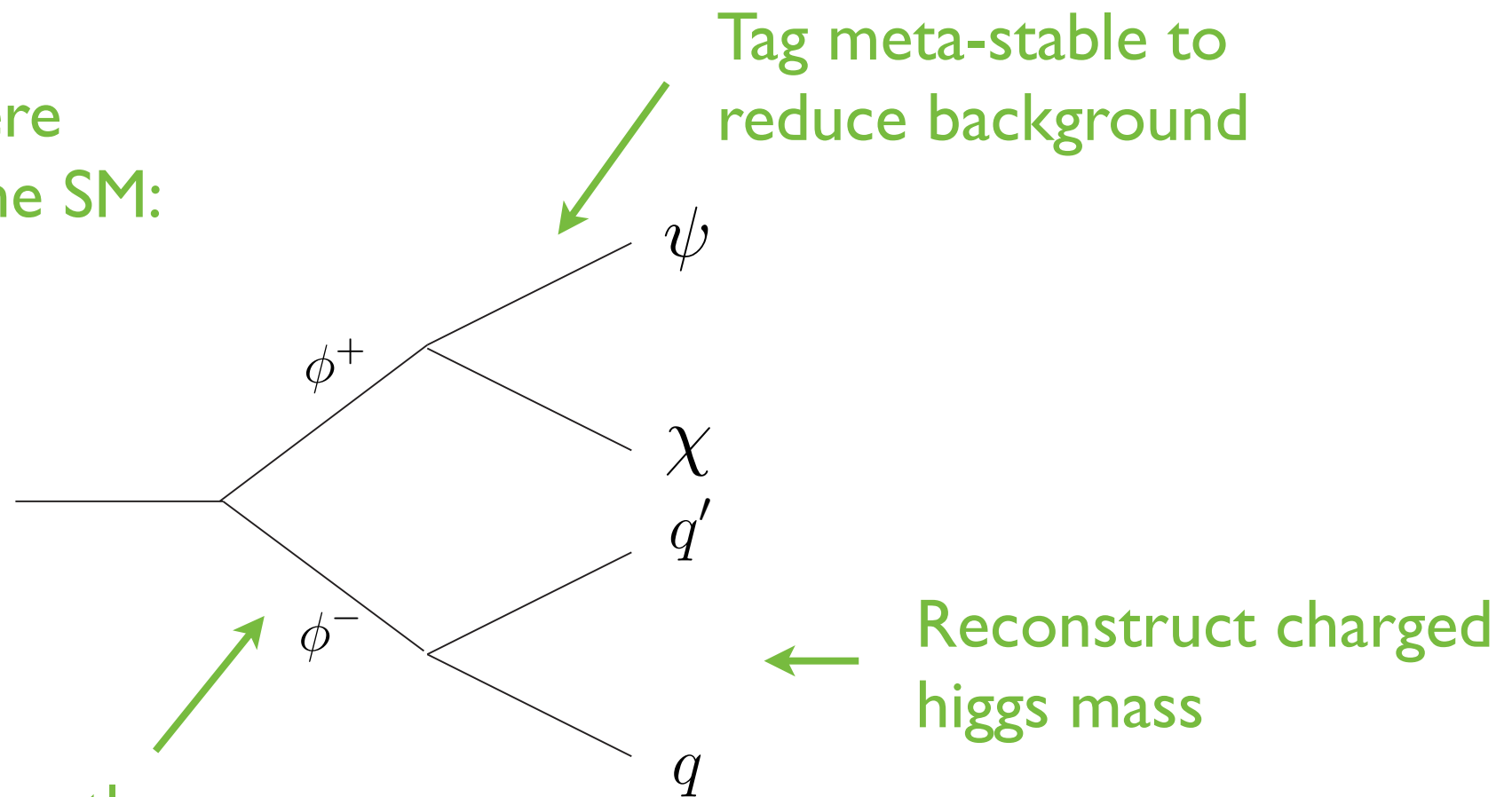
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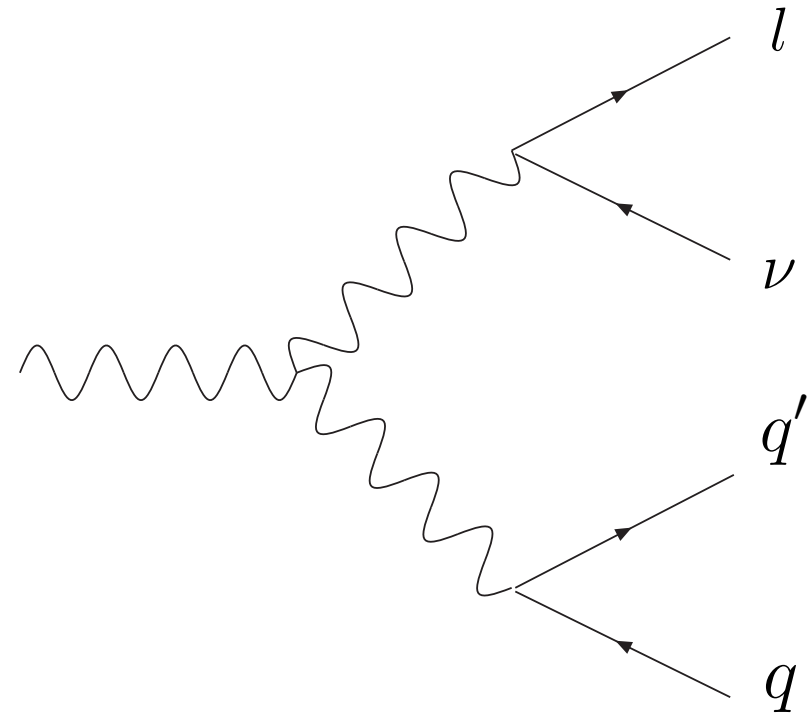
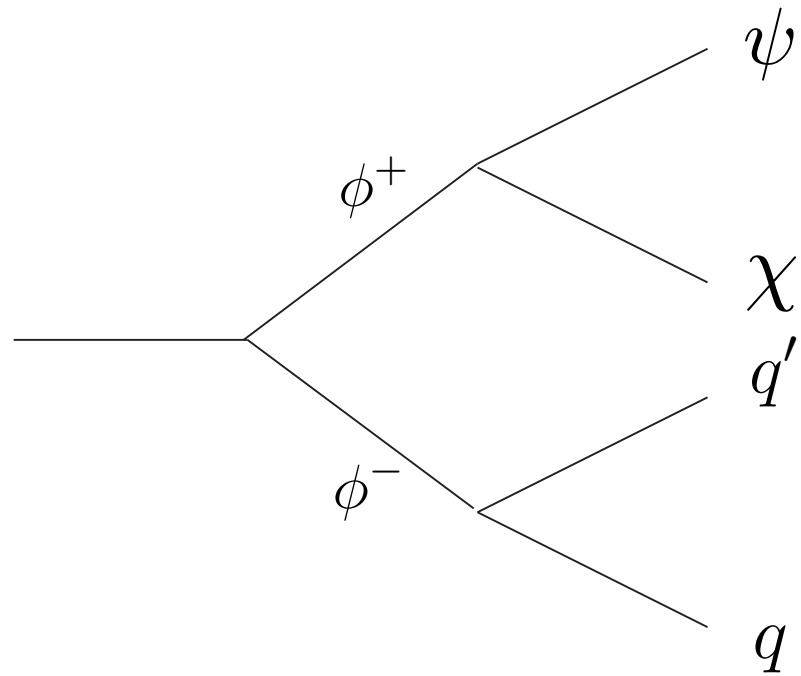
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- Reconstruct in analogy to WW reconstruction to get the mass of  $\phi^+$ .

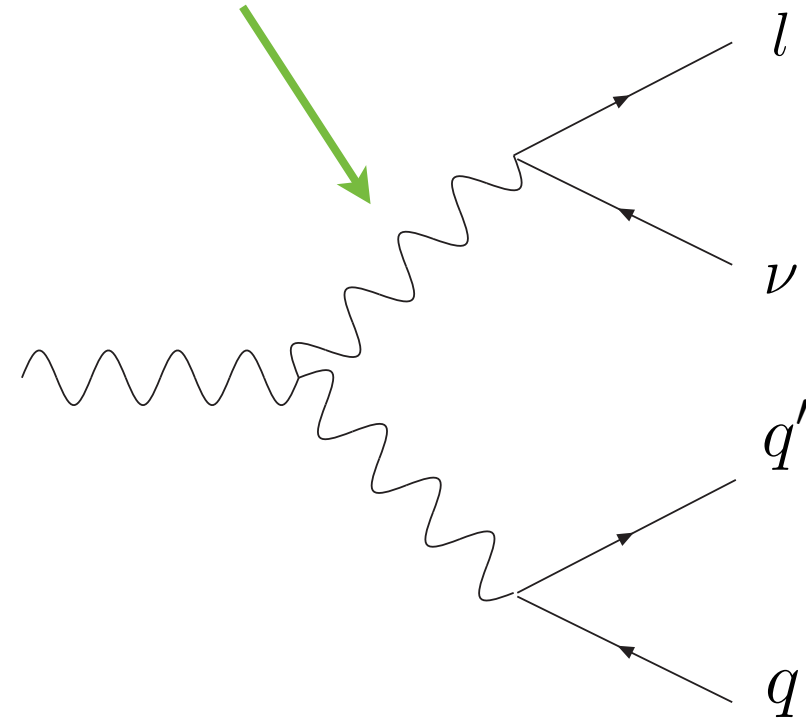
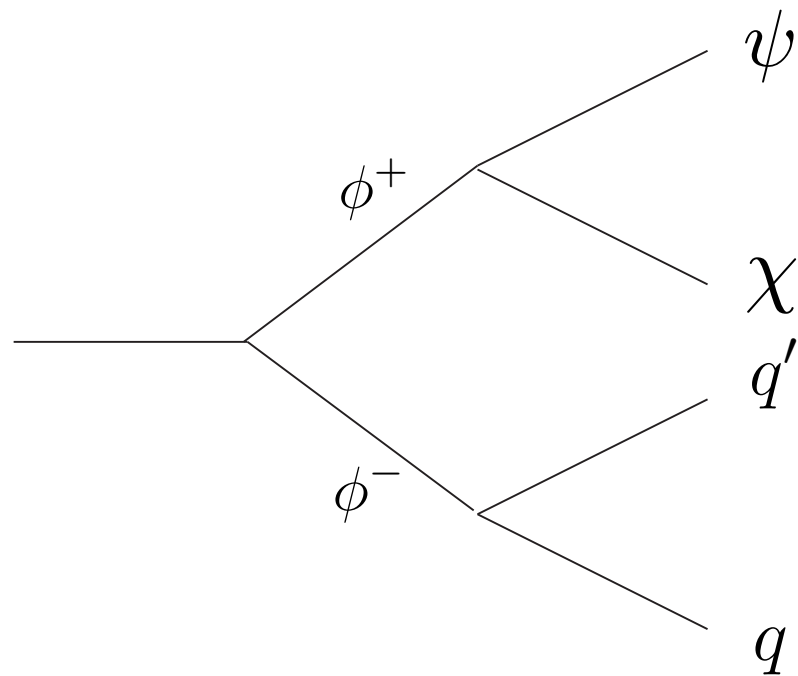
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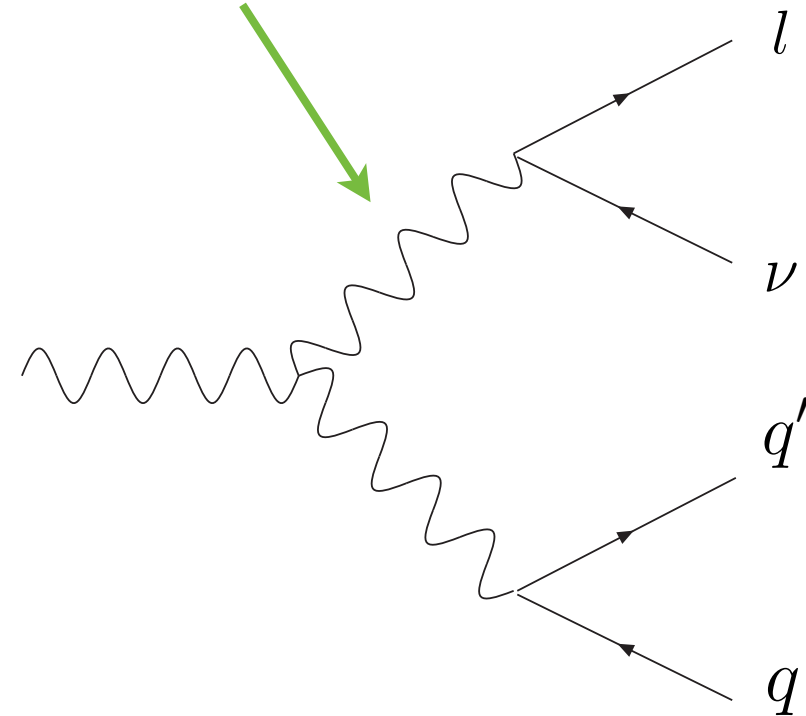
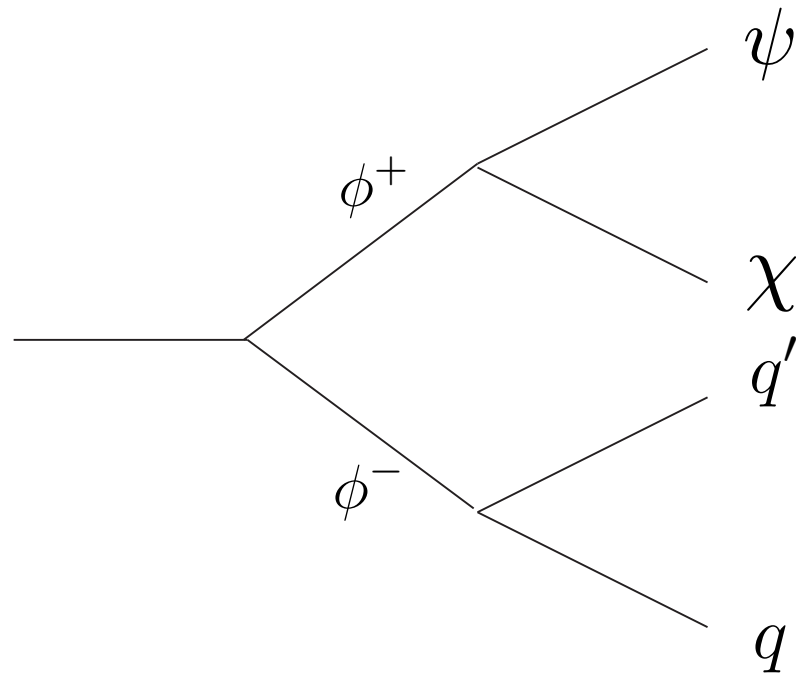
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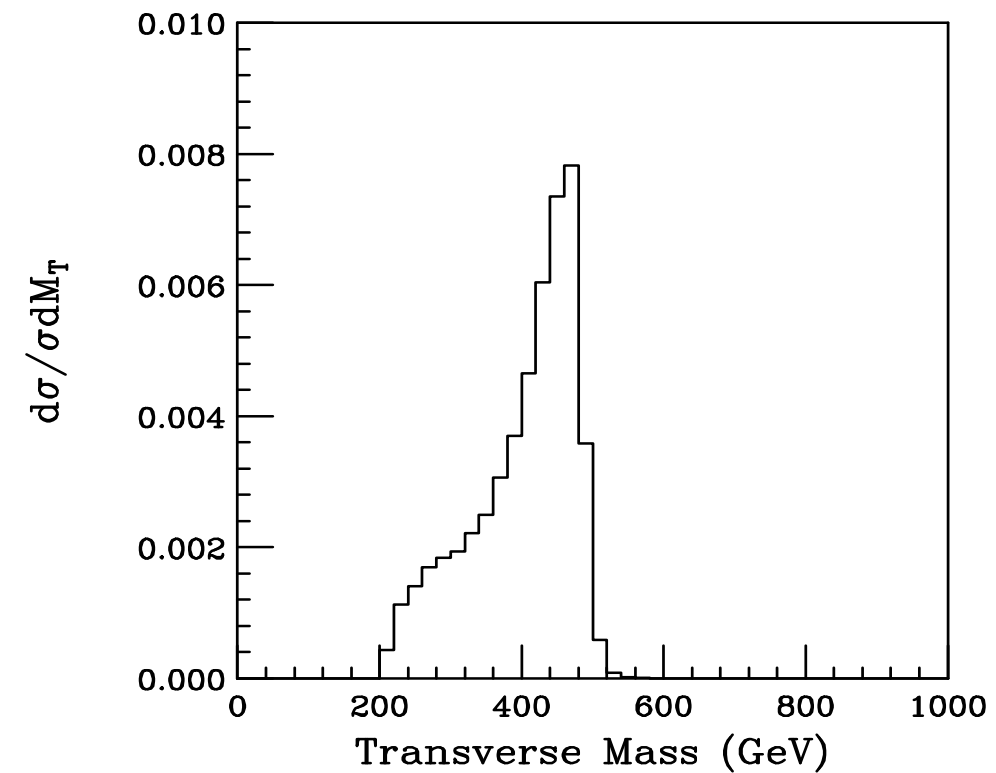
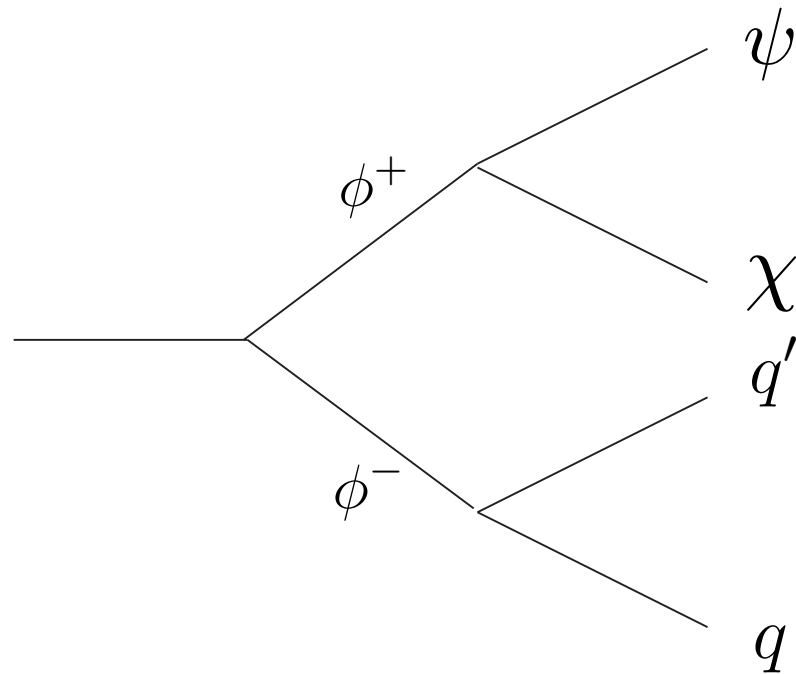


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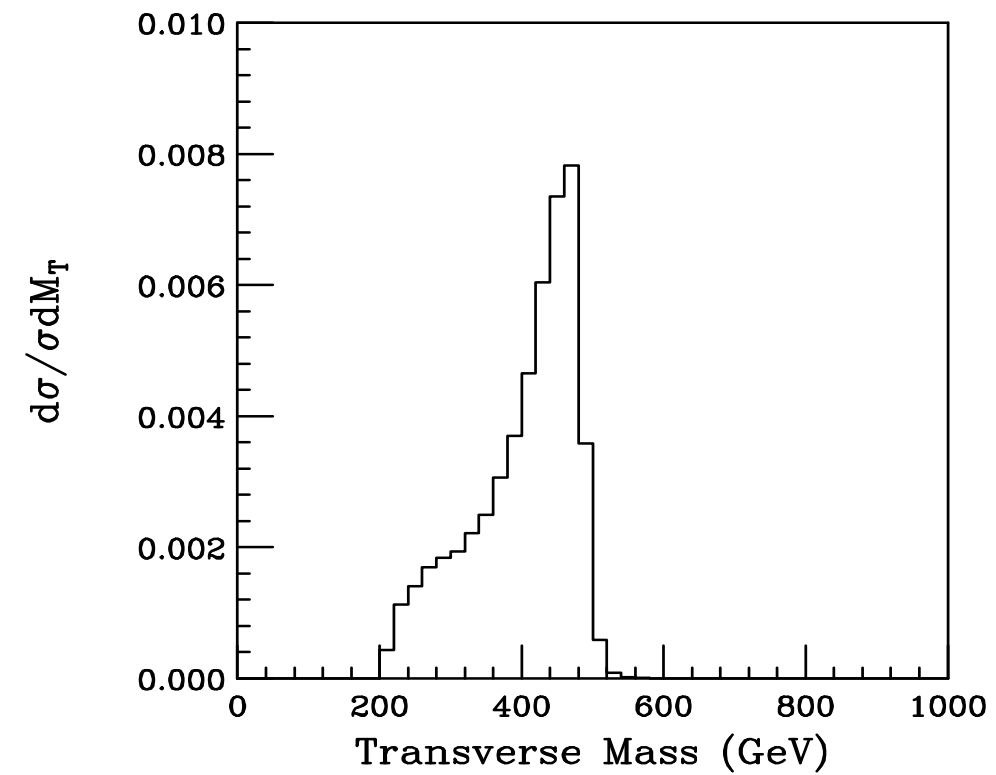
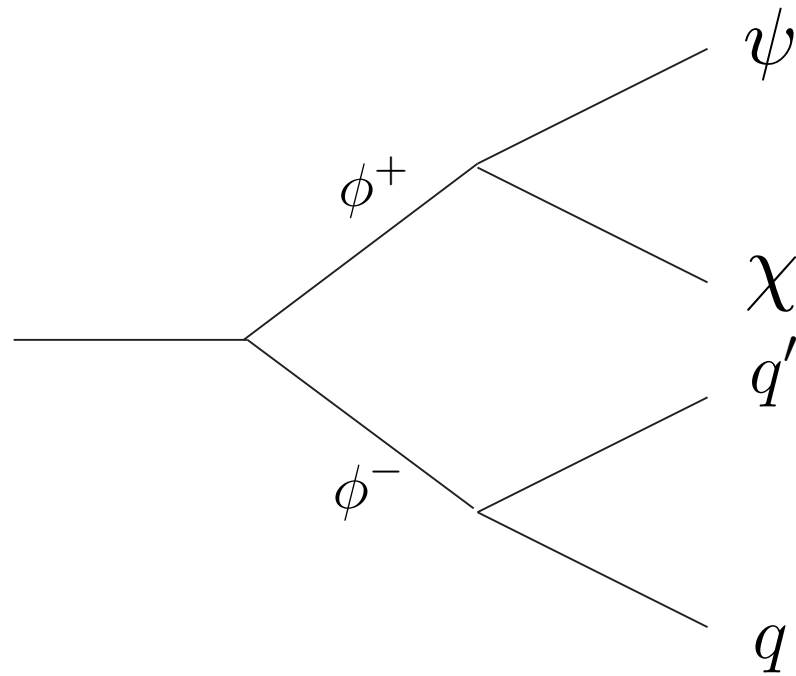


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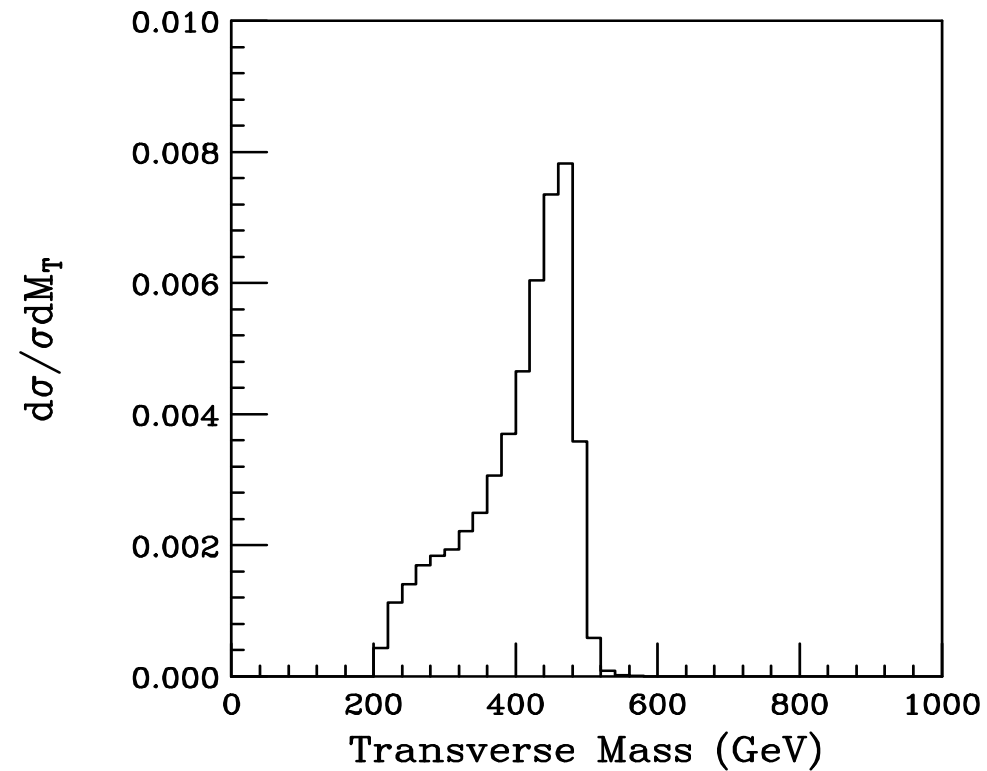
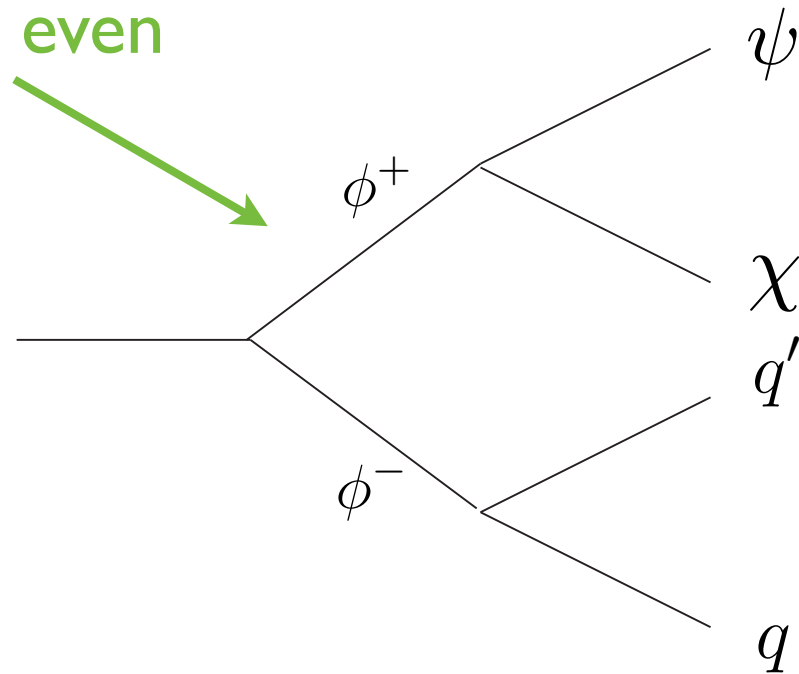
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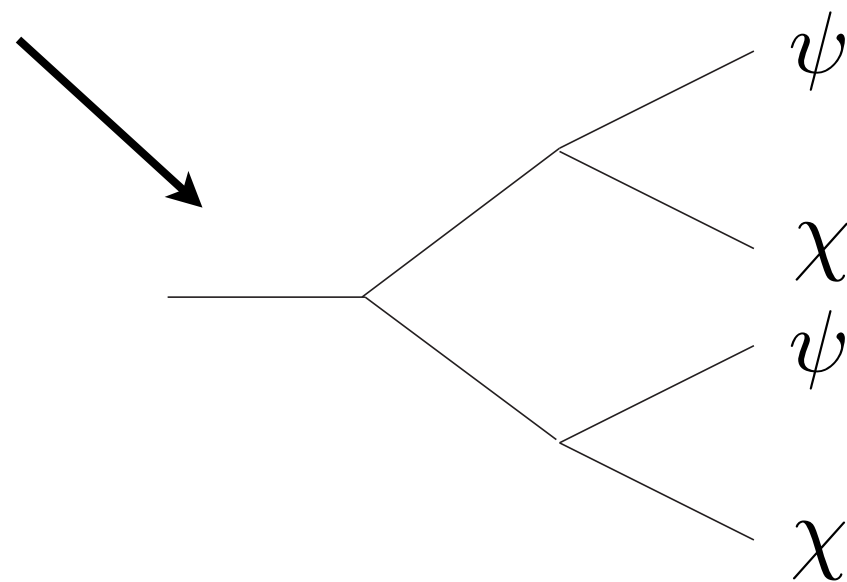
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- Conclusion: Parity even scalar is generating signal.

# Going Forward

- We assume no scalars in our EFT which mediate processes like



- Onto collider studies ...

# Model Parameters

- Take masses of the meta-stable particles to be

$$m_\psi = 300, 600 \text{ GeV}$$

- All dark matter candidates are

$$m_\chi = 100 \text{ GeV}$$

# Backgrounds

- Many SM process produce a potential background: light quark production (QCD),  $b\bar{b}$ ,  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $W$ ,  $Z$ ,  $WW$  and  $ZZ$ .
- Any SUSY process with final state neutrinos.
- ATLAS and CMS have unique approaches to eliminate the backgrounds.



# An Additional SM Background

- SM can produce a similar missing energy process by radiating off a Z boson:

$$p p \rightarrow Q \bar{Q} Z \rightarrow Q \bar{Q} \nu \bar{\nu} \qquad q \bar{q} \rightarrow L \bar{L} Z \rightarrow L \bar{L} \nu \bar{\nu}$$

Important the signal cross section is no less than 10% of the SM background (conservatively) to preclude statistical fluctuations

# An Additional SM Background

- Some numbers: (with 300 GeV “hadron” no cuts)
  - Cross section to radiate off a Z from heavy stable quarks and decay invisibly:  $0.33 \text{ pb} \times 0.2 = 0.07 \text{ pb}$ .
  - Cross section to radiate off a 100 GeV heavy gauge boson: 0.28 pb.
  - Cross section to radiate off a 275 GeV heavy gauge boson: 0.01 pb.
- No problem with this background.

# ATLAS Cuts

- ATLAS requires the “muon tracks” to have a transverse momentum of  $p_T > 135 \text{ GeV}$  for a 300 GeV “hadron.”
- The events are restricted to the “triggerable” part of the muon detector  $|\eta| \leq 2.4$  .
- No jet in the inner detector must come within a cone of  $\Delta R \leq 0.4$  of the “muon track.”
- The “muon tracks” must have a velocity between  $0.7 < \beta_{\text{ATLAS}} < 0.9$  .

\*See, for example, hep-ex/05011014

# CMS Cuts

- CMS detector muon detector is partly suspended by iron yoke.

The “hadrons” can charge flip even in the muon detector.

- The collaboration requires a highly ionizing track in the inner detector.
- The analysis: Kept events with charged “hadrons” in the inner detector.

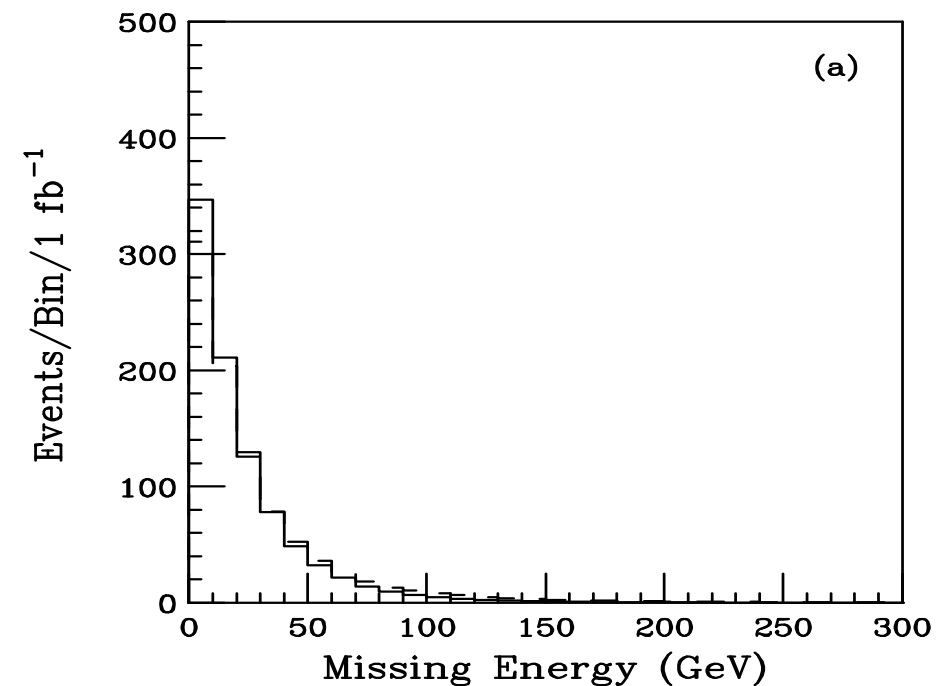
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- CMS require an invariant mass of  $m > 100 \text{ GeV}$ .
- CMS requires the “muon tracks” to have a velocity of  $0.45 < \beta_{\text{CMS}} < 0.8$ .
- For these cuts, CMS finds “a background free region.”
- Since the S/B is so high, we safely neglect the background.

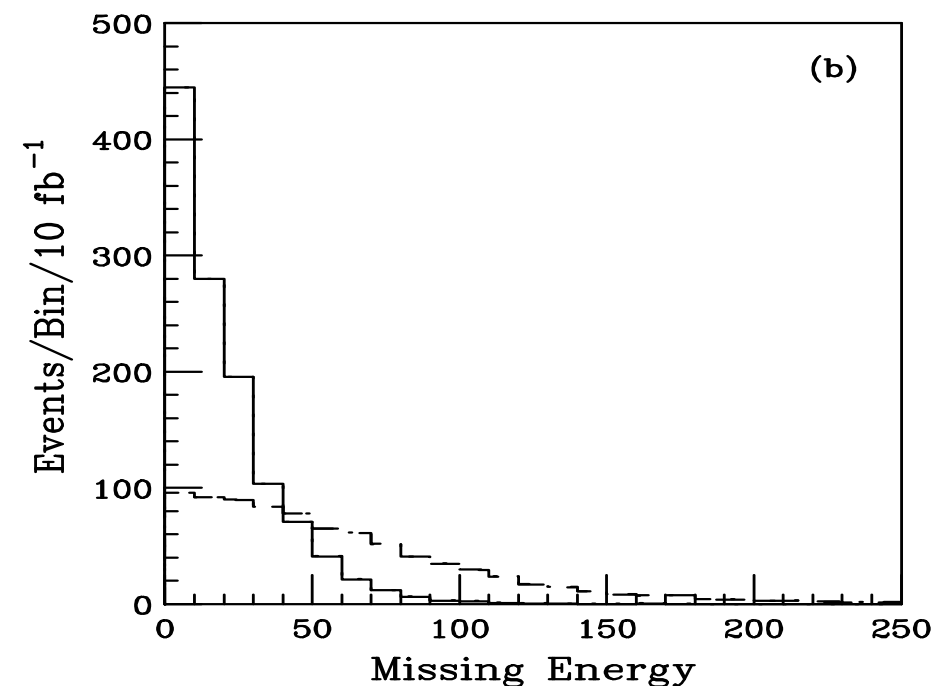
\*CMS Collaboration, CMS PAS EXO-08-003

# Signal from Acceptance Cuts?

Atlas (solid) and CMS (dotted) for the signal production (chalkboard).



Same plot as above but with ATLAS and CMS cuts.



- To clarify signal we require an additional cut.

# “Non-parity” Results

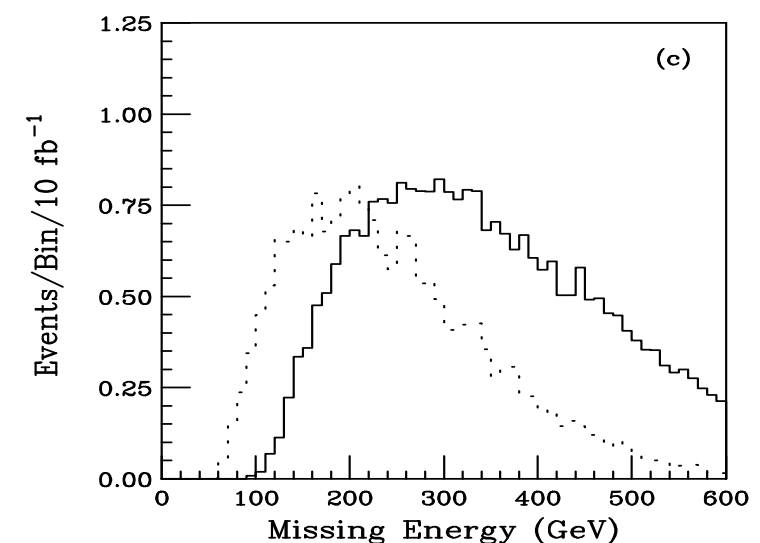
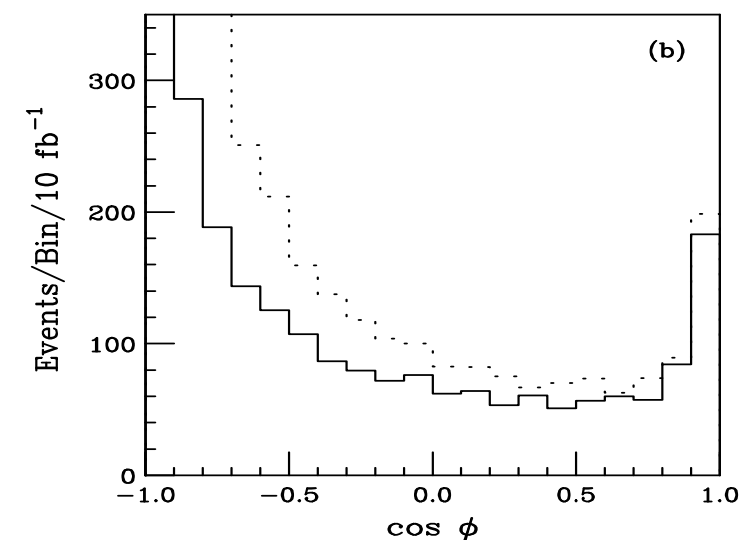
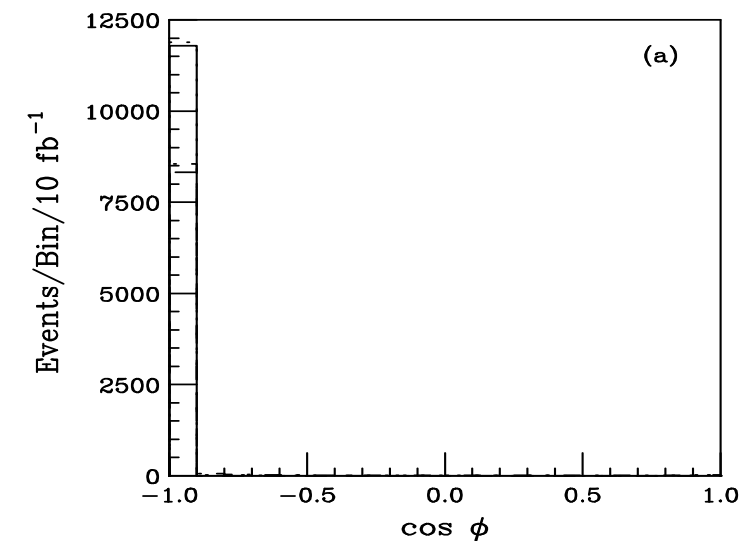
Transverse angle for ATLAS (solid) and CMS(dotted). Most events are back-to-back. All plots use feature 100 GeV DM and 300 GeV meta-stable particles. All kinematic cuts are used.

Same plot as above but emphasizing the non back-to-back events.

Applying the cut

$$\cos \phi > -0.9.$$

None of the back-to-back events survived. About 70 events of signal for 10 inverse fb.



# More Results

## Companion Model

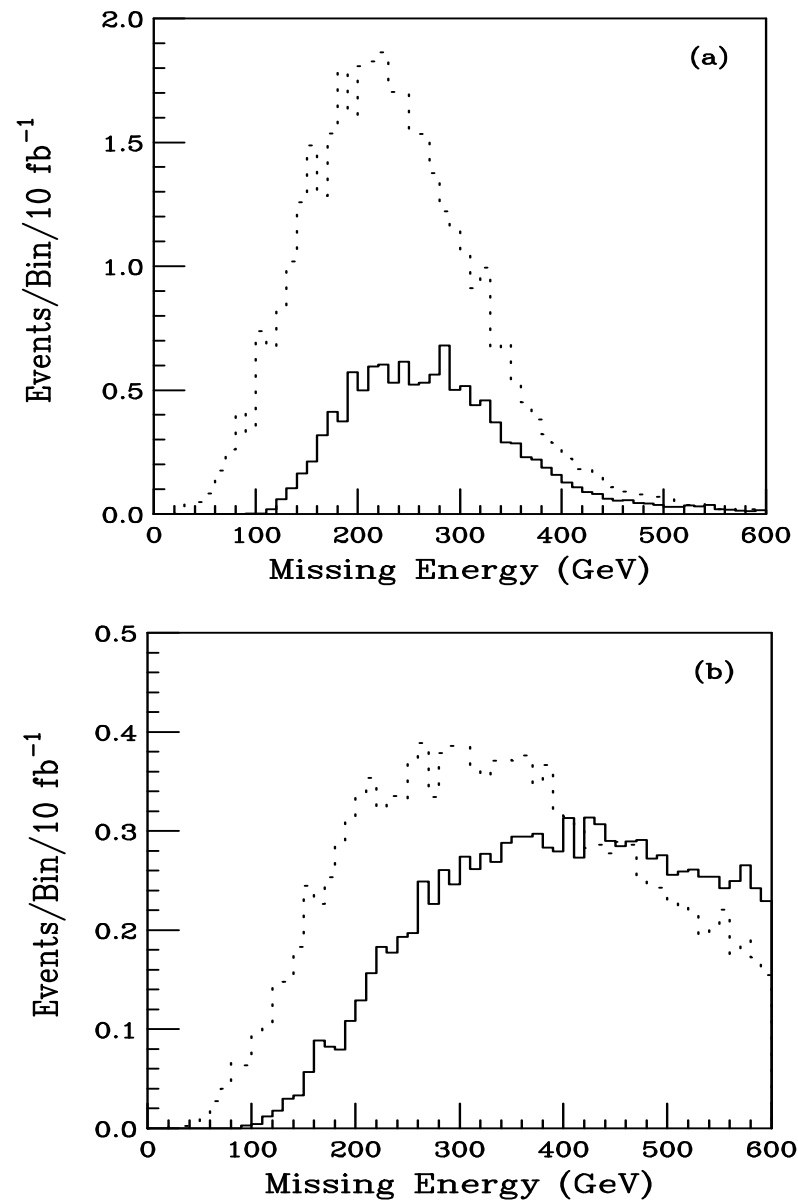
	ATLAS		CMS	
	$S/\sqrt{B}$	$S/B$	$S/\sqrt{B}$	$S/B$
300 GeV $\psi$	34.3	4.1	29.4	3.92
600 GeV $\psi$	10.1	4.1	9.5	4.1

## Agashe-Servant

	ATLAS		CMS	
	$S/\sqrt{B}$	$S/B$	$S/\sqrt{B}$	$S/B$
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## Light Hidden Sectors

	ATLAS		CMS	
	$S/\sqrt{B}$	$S/B$	$S/\sqrt{B}$	$S/B$
300 GeV $\psi$	5.33	0.63	8.76	1.04
600 GeV $\psi$	0.75	0.30	1.08	0.47



Same plots with all cuts for the  
Agashe-Servant scenario (a)  
and light hidden sector (b).



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Implement ideas on reconstructing multi-hard jet events with timing.

Look to distinguish strongly coupled hidden sectors from perturbative ones...

# Additional Slides

# A Simulation

- Need to reliably estimate...
  - How many “hadrons” charge flip to neutral? (Neutral “hadrons” generate obscuring missing energy.)
  - How much missing energy comes with and without emission of massive dark gauge bosons?
  - What are the cross sections?

# A Simulation

- More things to reliably estimate...
- How many of the stable particles stop in the detector generating more obscuring missing energy?

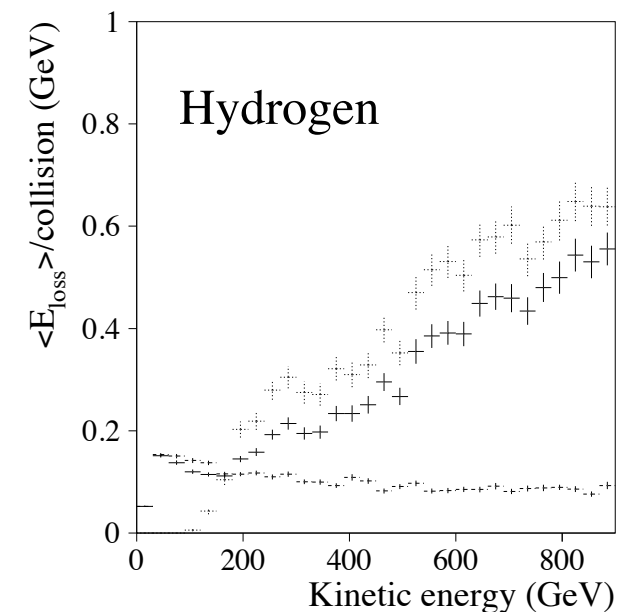
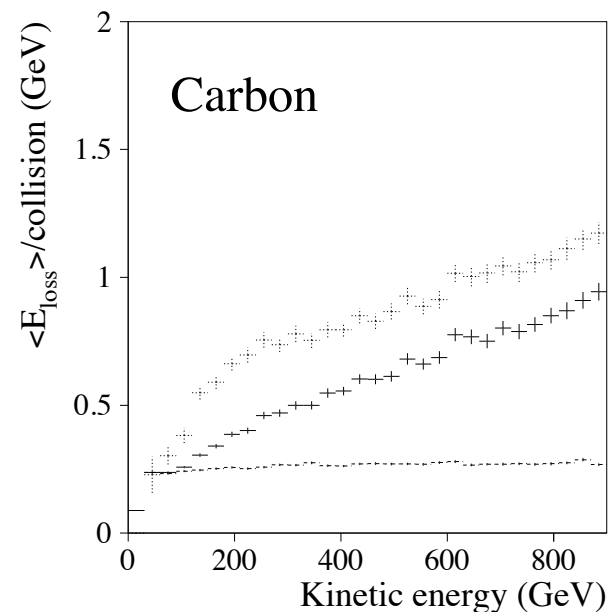
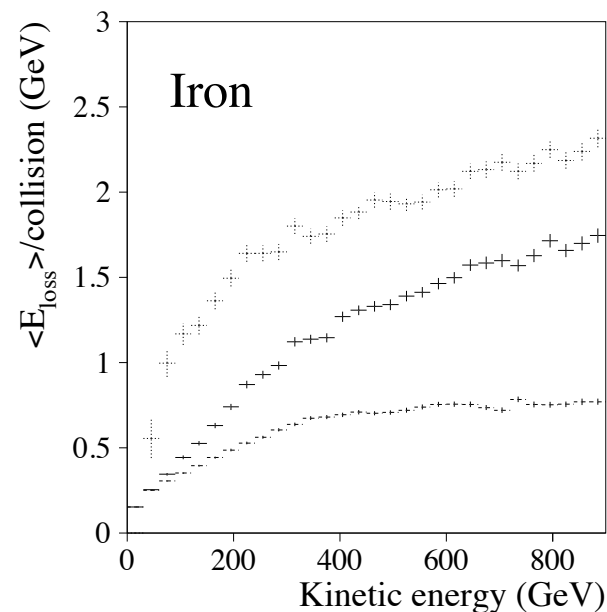
Energy fraction of the exchanged SM quark partons is  $\mathcal{O}(0.001)$  of the “hadron” total.\*  
Most interactions are low-energy QCD. Very few “hadrons” are stopped; but need to account for the relatively small signal.

- GEANT4 without introduction is very difficult to use. No access to collaboration software.

\*See review, Fairbairn, et al. hep-ph/0611040

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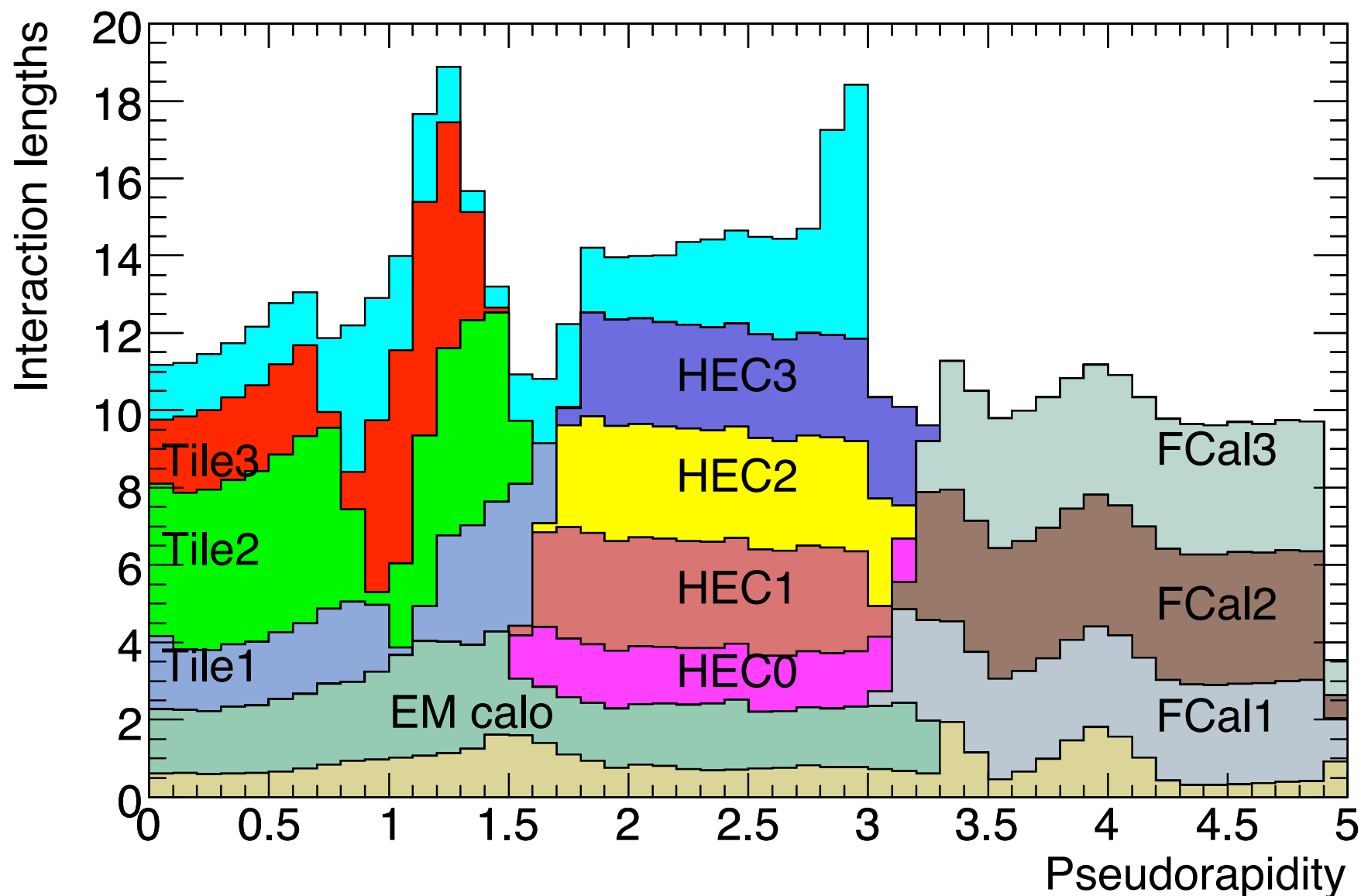
- Wrote a fast simulation of a perfect lead calorimeter that parameterizes the GEANT3 and 4 response to the interactions of “hadrons” with the calorimeters.\* Nuclear interactions only.
- Example response for 300 GeV R-hadron:



\*Kraan, hep-ph/0404001

# Detector Geometry

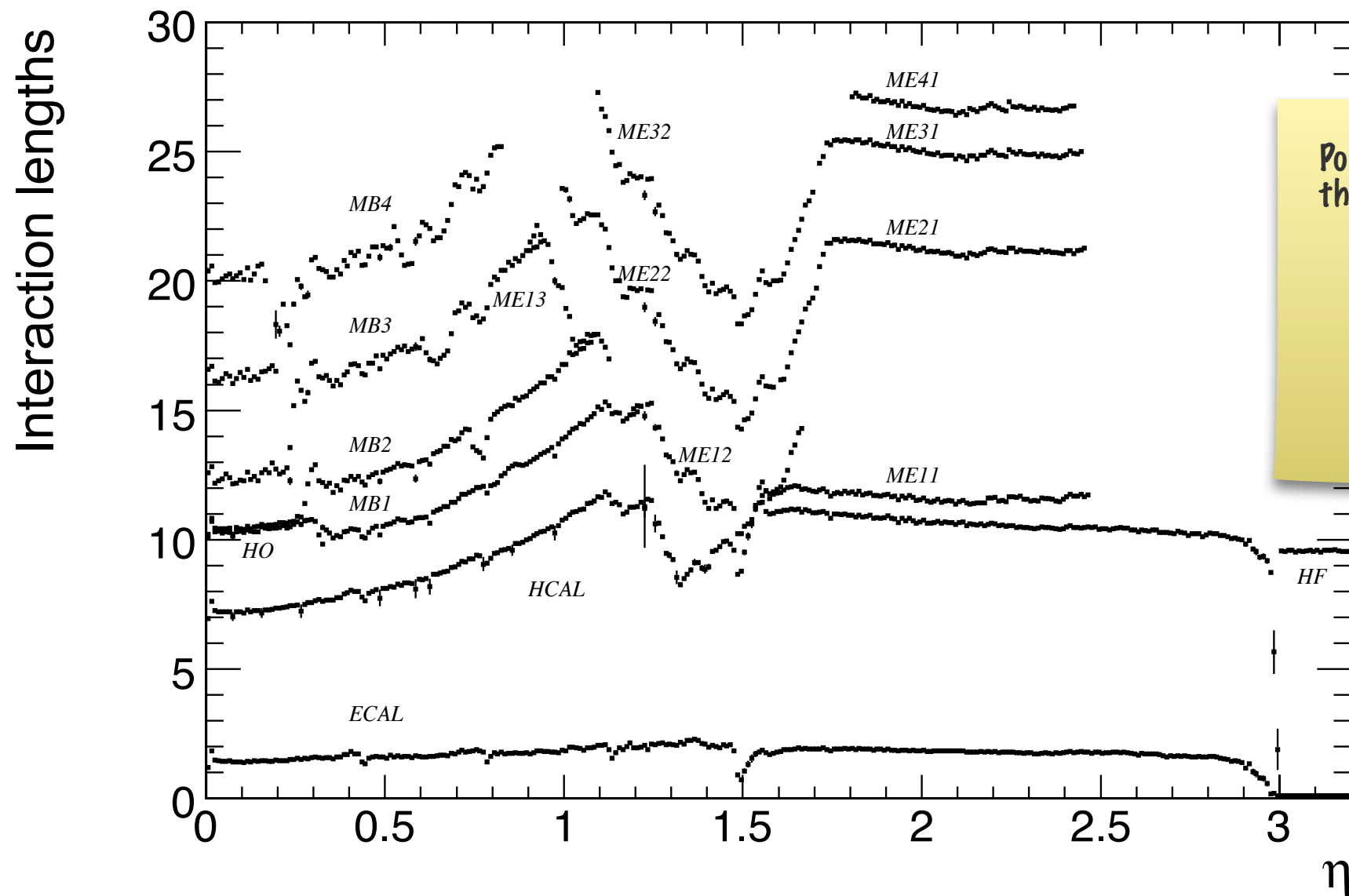
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\*See G.Aad, et al. JINST 3, S08003 (2008)

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Point out iron yokes in the muon chamber.

\*See CMS TDR, Volume I



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\*D.W., arXiv:0907.3146.

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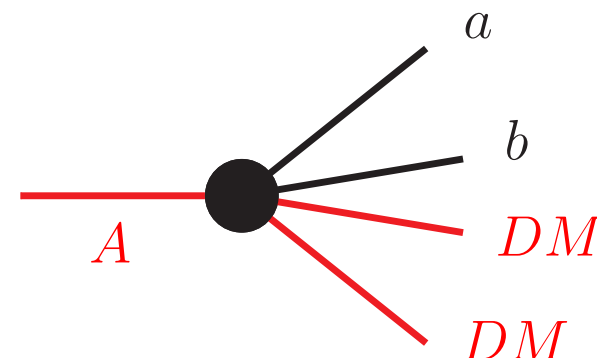
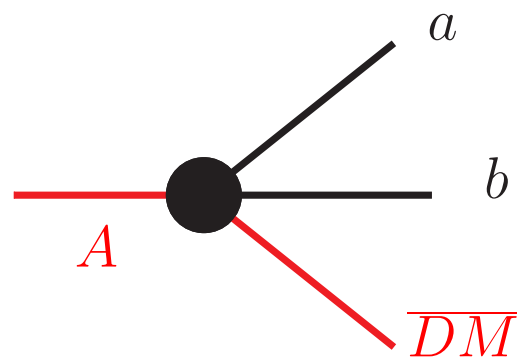
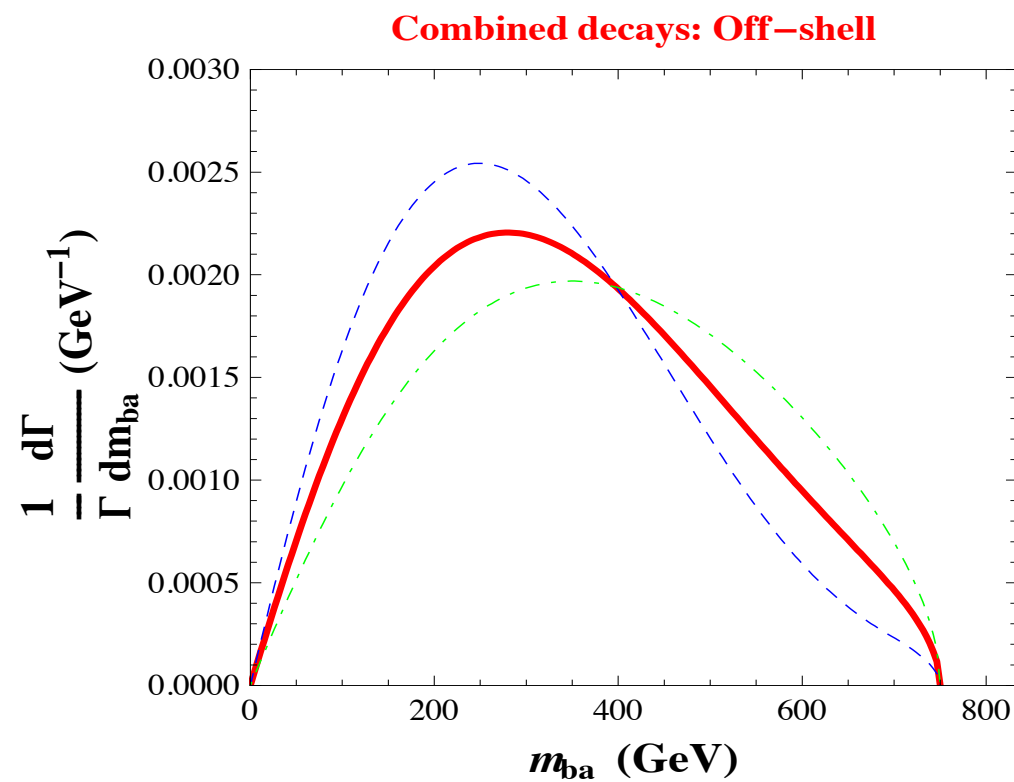
- Type II: DM symmetry associated with spontaneous symmetry breaking.
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  - Also discuss how modifications to models which have non-trivial dark sectors can generate a signal.\*\*

\*D.W., arXiv:0907.3146.

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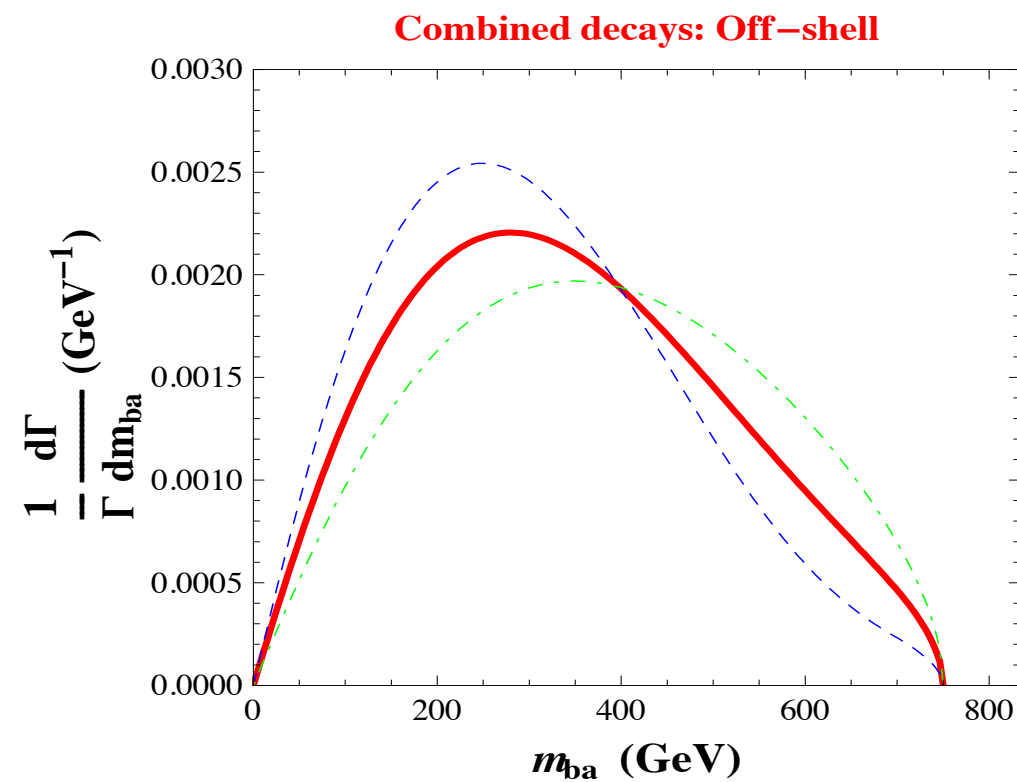
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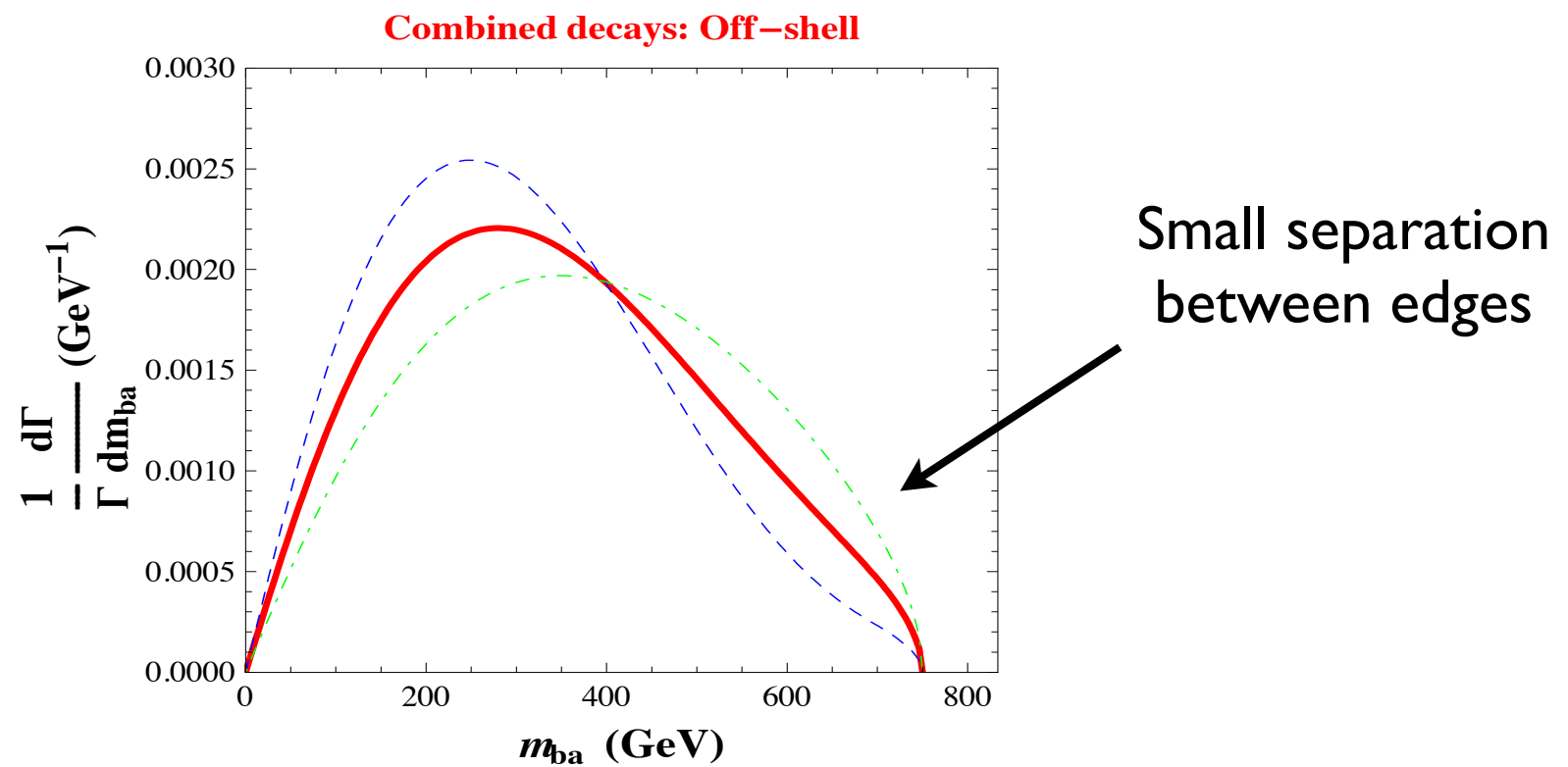
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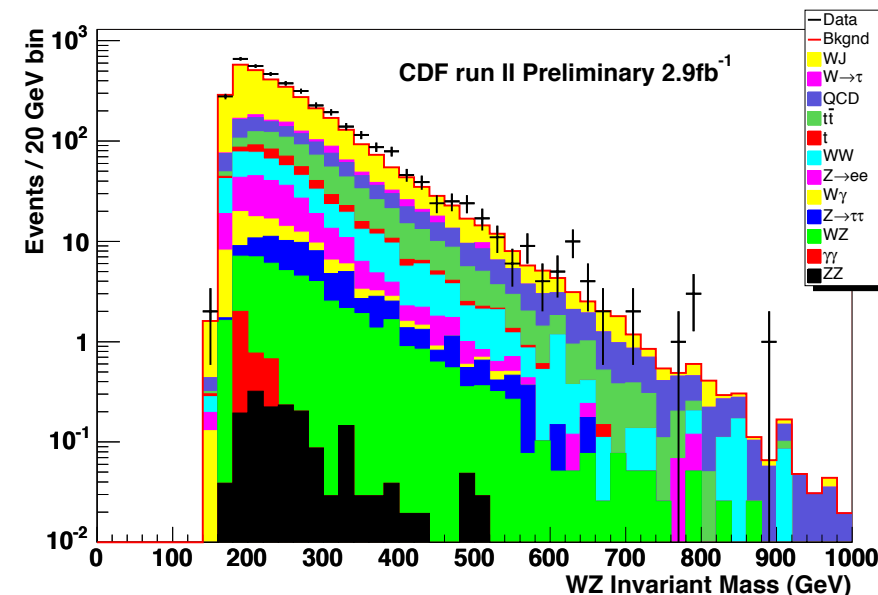
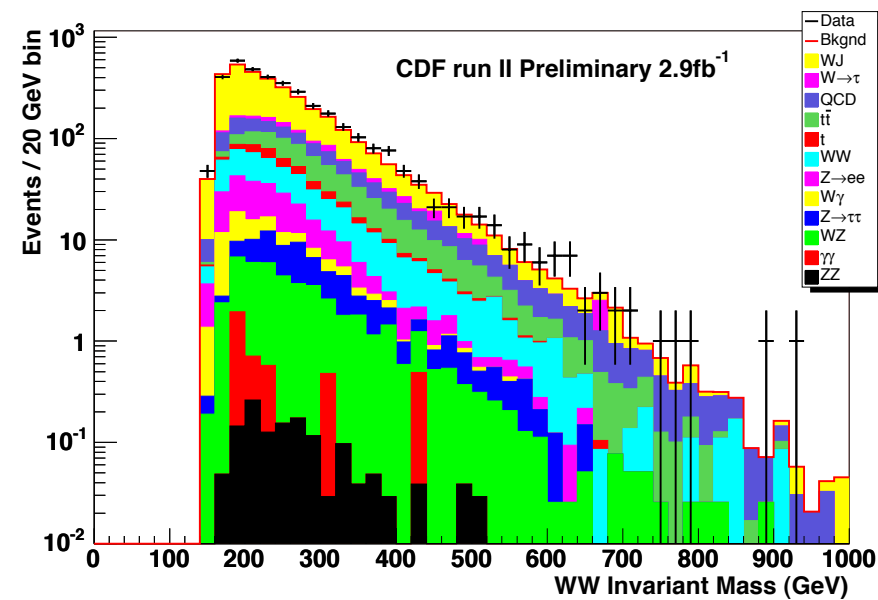
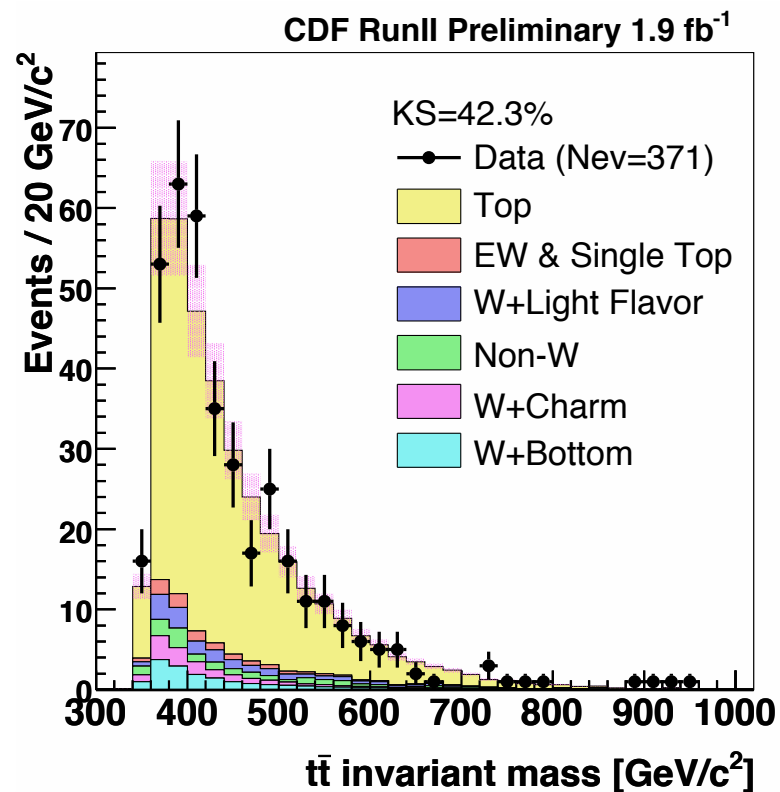


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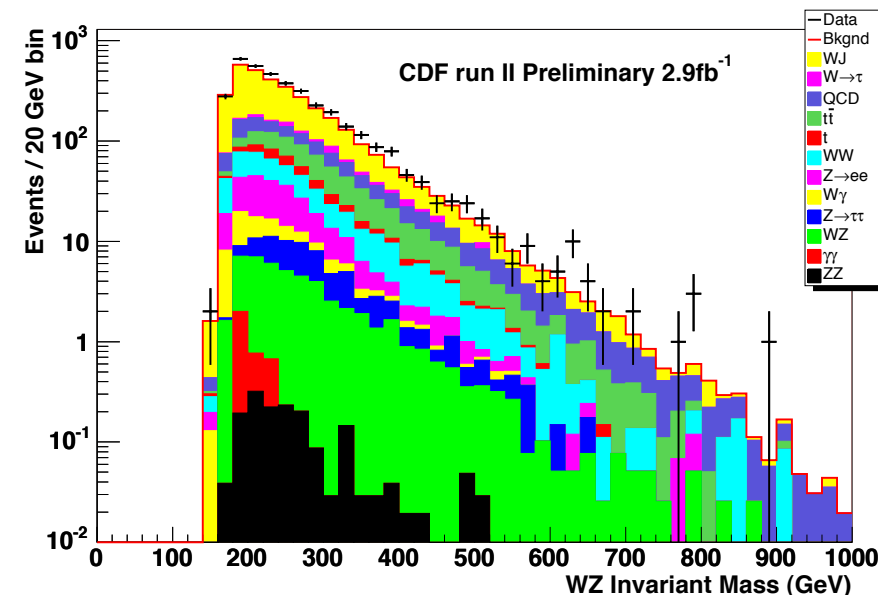
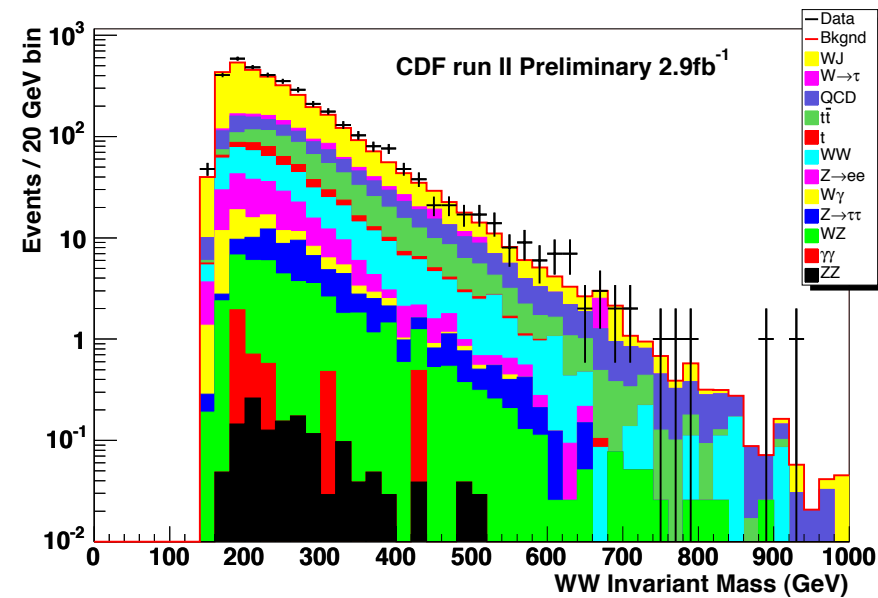
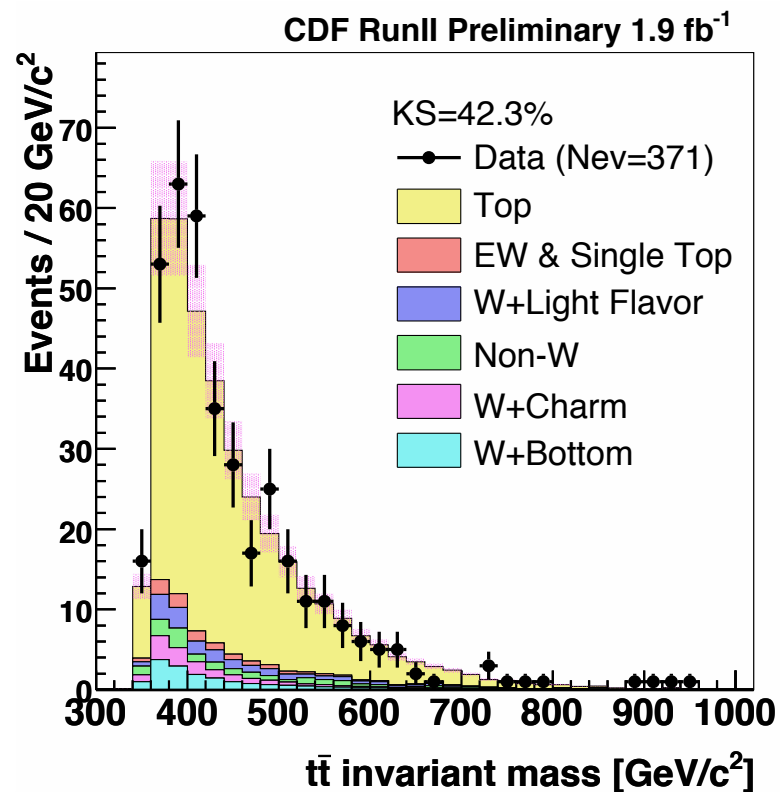
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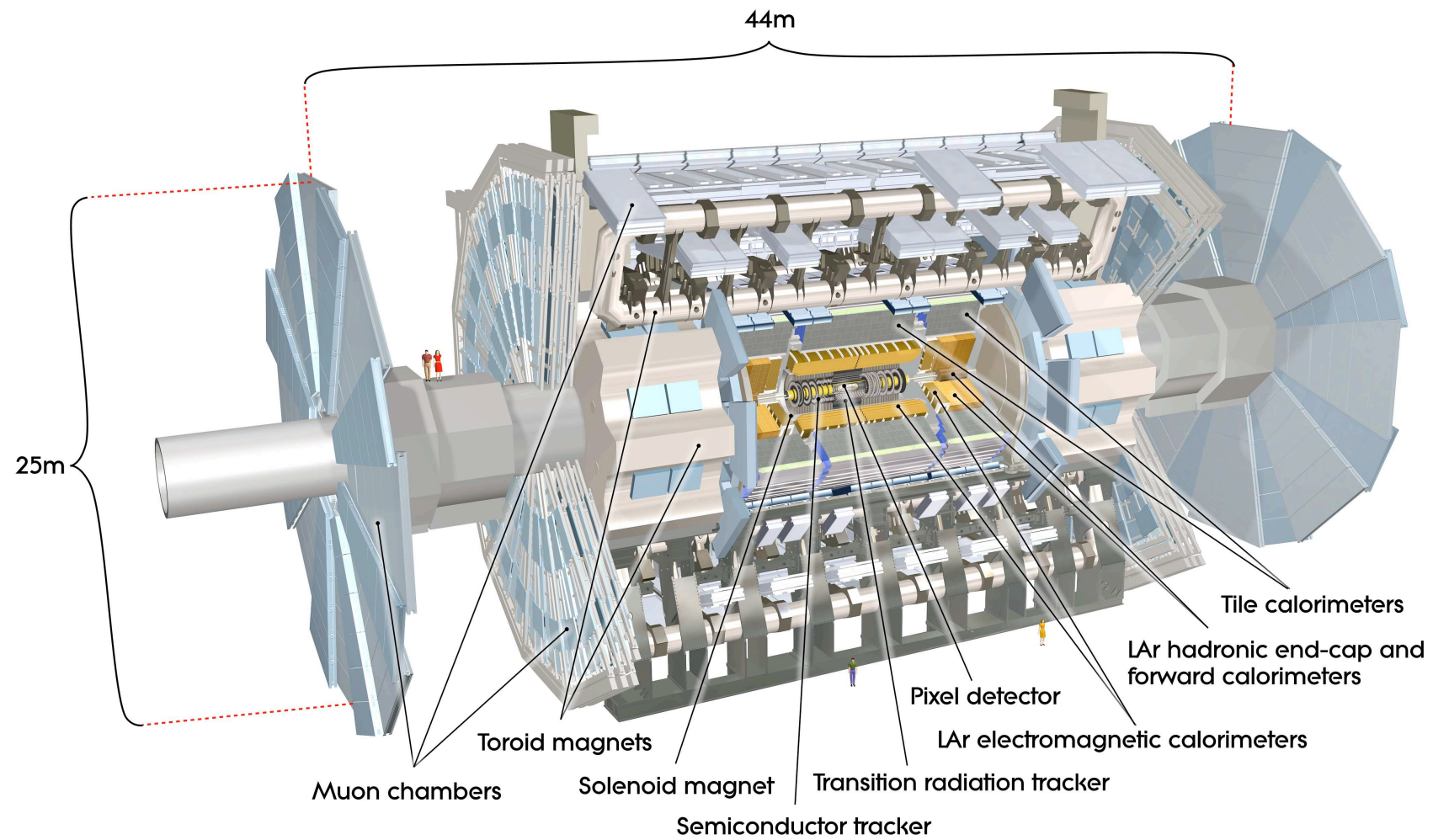
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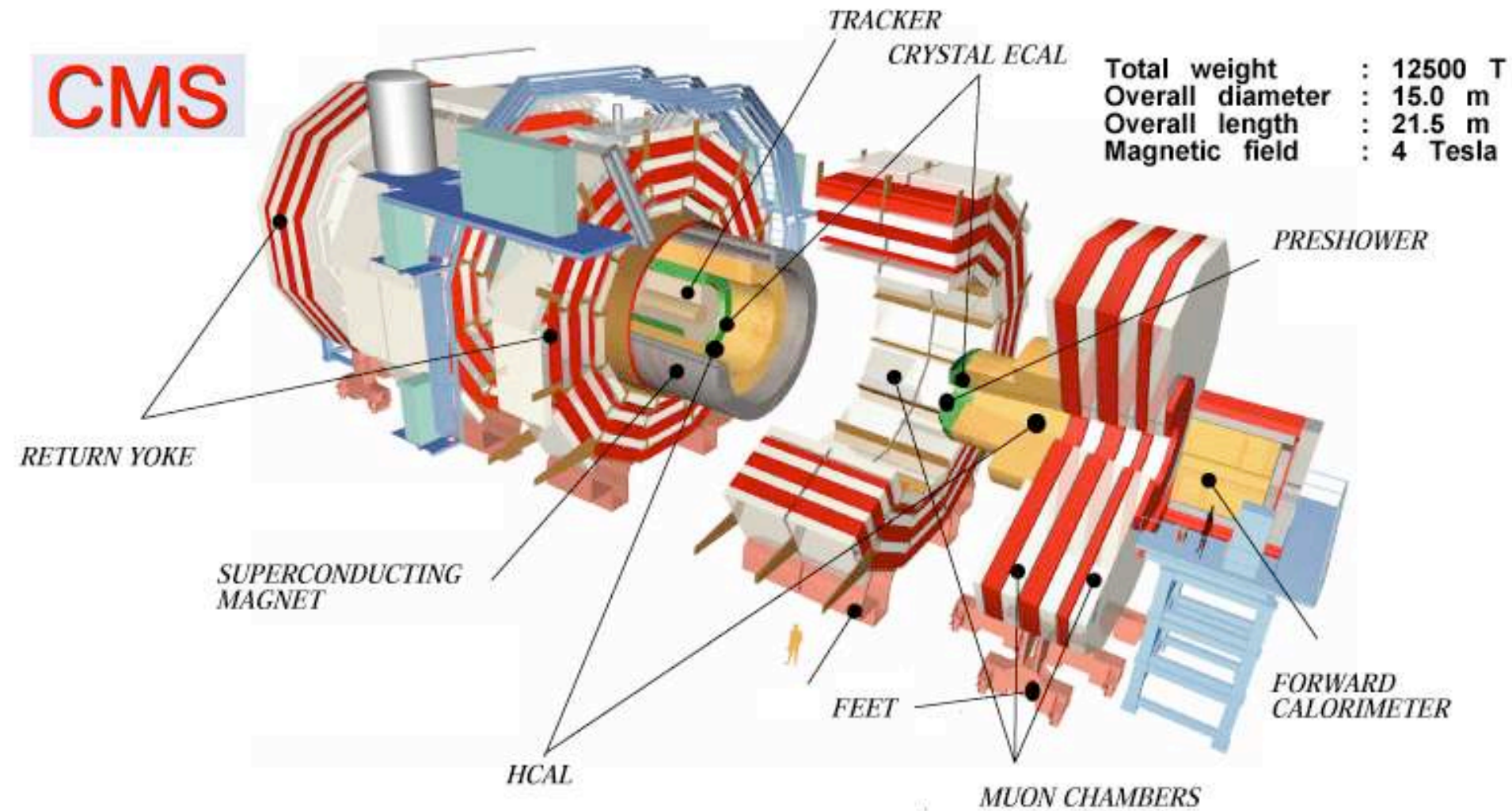
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Tantamount to adding a new symmetry to the DM. “Non-parity!”

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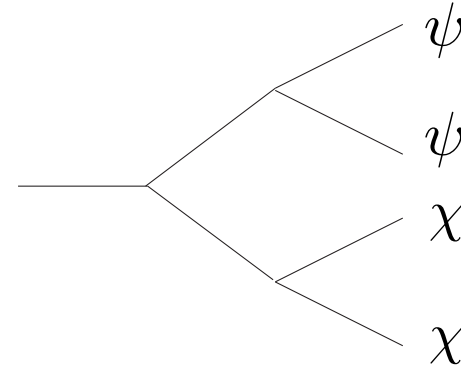
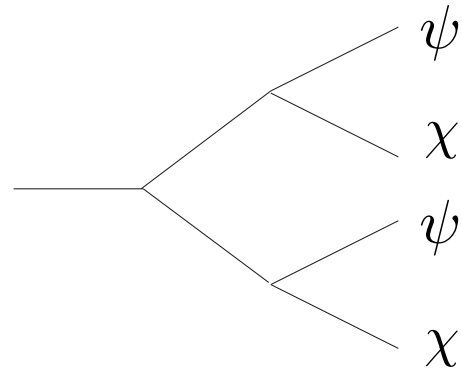
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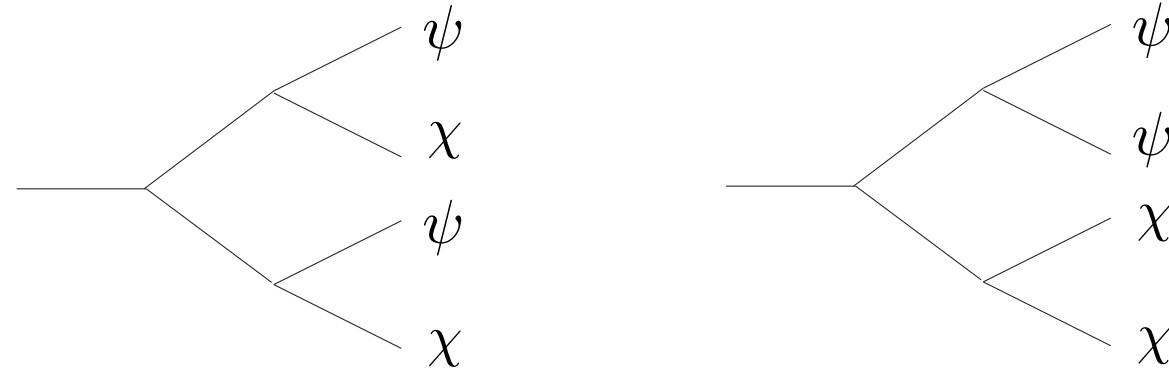
DM and meta-stable stabilization symmetries are correlated.

Cannot randomly pick non-SM charges for  $\psi$ .

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- Effective Field theory: New particles generally have  $O(1)$  couplings to SM.  
(remember new particles are parity even)
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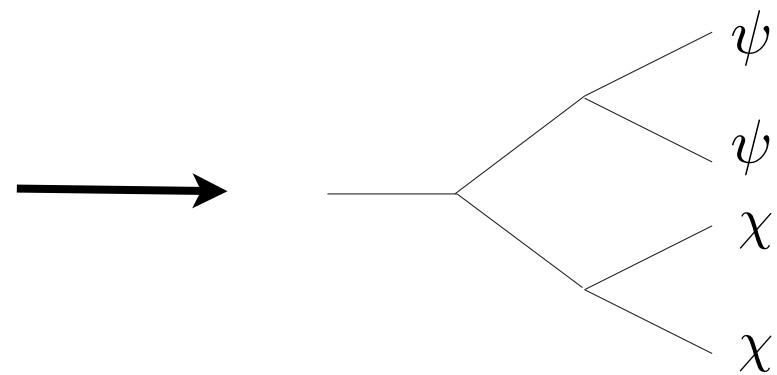
(that generate two meta-stable particles + missing energy)

- Diagrams overall suppressed compared to 2, 4 body diagrams.
- Same suppression/reconstruction conclusions as the arguments for four final body states.



# Reconstructing Diagrams

Similar arguments  
for this diagram



Reconstruct in analogy to  $ZZ$  production.

# Meta-Stable Quarks

- Analogous charge flipping for R-hadrons interacting with the detector\*

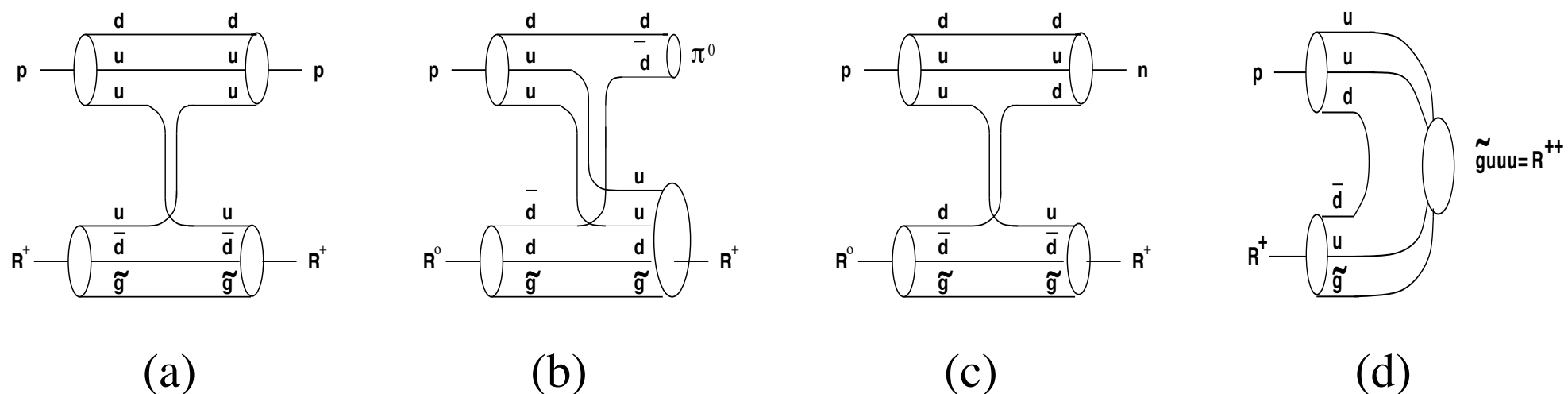


Fig. 13.  $R$ -hadron-proton scattering processes. (a) Elastic scattering, (b) Inelastic scattering leading to baryon and charge exchange, (c) Inelastic scattering leading to charge exchange, (d) Resonance formation.

\*From review, Fairbairn, et al. hep-ph/0611040

# Meta-Stable Particles Redux

- Particles are cleanly tagged at the LHC
  - $S/B \sim O(100)$  for  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  for ATLAS and CMS.\*
- Meta-stable quarks “hadronize” into “mesons” and “baryons.”
- “Mesons” and “baryons” charge flip, lose energy and even stop in the detector by exchanging valence quarks with the calorimeter.

\* G.Aad, et al. [The ATLAS Collaboration], arXiv:0901.0512, A. Rizzi, et al. [The CMS Collaboration], CMS-AN-2007/049.

# Meta-Stable Velocities

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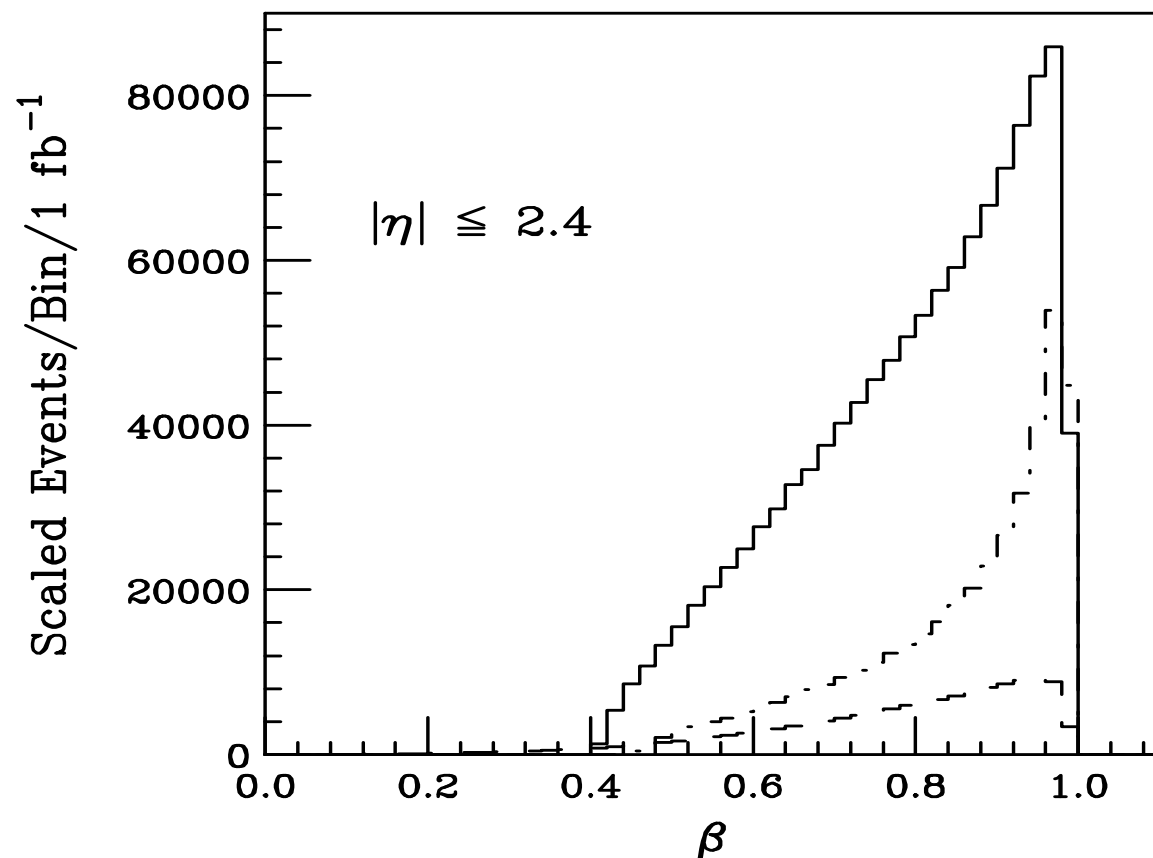


FIG. 2: Scaled events versus velocity for a 300 GeV N-hadron with (dashed) and without (solid) emission of the dark gauge boson. 200 GeV stable lepton is dot-dashed. The histograms are scaled by 20, 1 and 200, respectively.

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